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WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. Carlson:

This will acknowledge your November twelfth letter to the President enclosing your resolution commending J. Edgar Hoover. The President very much appreciates your thought in sending this resolution to him, and it is being forwarded today to Mr. Hoover.

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Sincerely,



Mr. James A. Carlson



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Hon. Dwight D. Eisenhower
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed Resolution was unanimously adopted at the Third Annual Convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 8-10, 1956.

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As its new President I am pleased to transmit a copy to you.

Sincerely,


James A. Carlson



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R E S O L U T I O N

Whereas the Third Annual Convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 8-10, 1956, recognizes that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is the greatest and most highly respected agency of the Federal Government and its Director, J. Edgar Hoover, is one of the most outstanding public servants of all time, and

Whereas the 3400 members of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation today recognize that the growth and success of the society is due to the high standards of selection, training and administration of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover, therefore

Be it Resolved: that the Third Annual Convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation unanimously pledges its help and support, as an organization and as individuals, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Director, J. Edgar Hoover, therefore

Be it Further Resolved: that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States and J. Edgar Hoover.

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Former FBI Buddies In Huddle Here

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Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Jones	✓
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Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
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Miss Gandy	✓



"DOES GUS STILL HAVE IT?" Ex-FBI men, meeting in convention here, suggested this kidding title for the scene in which Gus Jones, 74, was persuaded to show whether or not he could still draw like a Texan. Jones, of San Antonio, had one of the great moon-busting careers in the FBI. Watching his style are,

standing, society President Gordon A. Phillips, 44, and Asst. Police Chief Guy Banister, who was a "top gun" in the FBI Police Sgt. Eddie Gorman, at bottom, is detailed to help guard the ex-U. S. lawmen; or anyway, to help them find the shortest routes to New Orleans hospitality.

By THOMAS SANCTON
The soft-spoken little guy who captured the Machinegun Kelly gang and took Al Capone to prison was talking to the handsome New Orleanian who killed Roger "The Terrible" Touhy's top lieutenants.
With them was Gordon A. Phillips, a sharp-looking young judge from New Jersey, who is president of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. Phillips was calling the New Orleanian "chief" because he used to work for him in the Chicago FBI office.

THE NEW ORLEANIAN — Asst. Police Chief Guy Banister — was calling the little guy "Gus." All were talking FBI style with the warmth and brotherly respect of men who had proved themselves in several of the wildest gunbattles of American crime history.
Gus is Gus T. Jones, 74, of San Antonio, who achieved some notable "firsts" in FBI service from 1916 to 1944. Jones caught the only spy tried, convicted and sentenced to death in the U. S. during World War I. The spy, who was captured at the Mexican border, Jones investigated the Kansas City Massacre of 1933 in which the Pretty Boy Floyd

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mob ambushed four lawmen with machineguns in front of that city's Union Depot.

He took Al Capone and some of the meanest characters on (See FBI, Pg. 4, Col. 2)

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record across the country by train in delivering the first consignment of inmates to the famed "Rock"—Alcatraz.

FORMER FBI AGENTS, gathering at The Roosevelt today for their three-day convention, rated this trip one of the most dangerous assignments ever handed to an agent.

Jones in 1938 arrested Public Enemies Nos. 1 and 2, Hugh Gant and Dewey Hunt, in Houston.

These two and Machinegun Kelly had staged the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Oklahoma City millionaire Charles F. Urschel.

In the World War II era as an FBI antispies specialist, he helped Mexican officials trap Gerhard Wilhelm Kunze, who was one-time leader of a Nazi group in the U. S.

BANISTER WAS GIVING a run-down on Jones' great record today. Philips was telling about Banister's.

"Banister, then my boss, crept into a hideaway apartment with Agent Sam McKee," said Philips. "J. Edgar Hoover took a spot in an apartment across the hall. They were waiting for two of the toughest members of the Touhy-gang."

Touhy's mob career in Chicago dated back to the machine-gun era of Capone.

"The gunmen who lived in the hideout were McInerney and O'Connor," Philips said. "We had learned that they left a light on and the shade at a certain height as a means of telling whether anyone was in the apartment."

"Guy and McKee therefore had to wait in the lighted room. And O'Connor and McInerney always entered with drawn guns. We had learned that. So it was a tough assignment."

"**WHEN THEY** came in Chief Banister was telling them they were under arrest when they started shooting."

Their first shot passed directly

between Agents Banister and McKee. In a flash Banister and McKee were firing back. Hoover raced to the room and got into the battle.

When it was over, said Philips, Touhy's top gunmen were perforated like a sieve.

Banister also shot it out in another famous FBI case—the slaying of a mad Montana hermit who had extraordinary skill as a marksman. The hermit, a youth, slew two U. S. marshals trying to serve him papers. Banister and others raced to the hideout. The gunman was killed after a long rifle duel.

PHILIPS SAID: "As president of the Society of Former Special Agents, I want to say that I feel the New Orleans police department is indeed fortunate in having the services of one of the FBI's great men, Guy Banister."

"At our last convention in Detroit, members from 10 cities waived claims for this 1956 convention in order to honor Chief Banister by having it meet here in New Orleans."

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James M. Carlson, assistant secretary of Westinghouse Air Brake Company, was elected president of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI at the annual convention of the society in New Orleans. Mr. Carlson served as special agent and inspector during ten years' service in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



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Former FBI Agents Recall Work with Bureau



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MEMORIES ARE EXCHANGED by four of the delegates to the third national convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, which opened Thursday in the Roosevelt hotel. Seated are (from left) Aaron M. Kohn, New Orleans, convention publicity chairman; James S. Egan, Washington, D. C., and Melvin Purvis, one of the five agents who trapped and killed the notorious John Dillinger. Standing is Clark L. Schilder, Arlington, Va.

Killing of John Dillinger, 'Public Enemy,' Recounted

Melvin Purvis Among Ex-FBI Men at Convention

On July 22, 1934, John Dillinger, notorious outlaw and "public enemy," walked through the lobby of a Chicago movie theatre toward the street.

Five Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, who two hours before had spotted his going in to see the show, were waiting for him. They had been trying to apprehend him for two years.

Melvin Purvis, one of the five, said, "Stick 'em up, Johnny. We have you surrounded."

Dillinger didn't say a word. He

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Okla., Chillicothe, Ohio, and others.

The technical aspect of identification through fingerprints has undergone a vast improvement since his time with the FBI, Childer said.

James S. Egan, Washington, D. C., another convention delegate swapping reminiscences with Purvis and Schilder, recalled the time when he was one of FBI headman Edgar Hoover's assistants.

Field Still "Attractive"

Mainly, his job was to review the handling of cases by agents in the field and to recommend men applying for agents' jobs. As first "inspector" the FBI had, Egan helped build up the organization and initiate improvements in its machinery.

Egan said the FBI field is still an "attractive" one to young men for many reasons, one of which is that the pay is higher than that of any other government investigative service.

Today, Egan is in the public accounting business.

In addition to registration, Thursday's meeting was devoted to a closed session for delegates and a cocktail party.

Friday's session will be highlighted by business sessions, a general membership luncheon at noon, and a luncheon and fashion show for wives of delegates.

pocket and pulled a gun. Before he had a chance to fire it, Purvis and his men shot him dead.

Purvis recalled the incident Thursday between sessions of the third national convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI which opened Thursday morning in the Roosevelt hotel. The convention will close with the group's annual banquet Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Purvis, now a radio and television station official in Florence, S. C., was agent in charge of the Chicago FBI office at the time of the Dillinger killing.

Forced to Shoot Dillinger

"I was charged with apprehending Dillinger," Purvis said, "so we laid our plans when we found out he had gone into the theater. As it turned out, we had to shoot him. It was an inescapable necessity."

Clark I. Schilder, Arlington, Va., now a consulting criminologist, recalled his service with the FBI as less adventurous than Purvis.

He entered the service in 1924 and from 1930 to 1938 he was agent in charge of the fingerprint bureau. He said part of his job was to give service to men in the field, matching prints to help them make arrests and getting around the difficulty involved in the cases of criminals who had mutilated their fingers in an effort to escape identification.

Later Schilder went with the federal bureau of prisons and served as warden at El Reno.

LARGER, BETTER FBI IS REPORTED

Head of Ex-Agents Unit
in N.O. for Convention

Major crime activity in the United States may be increasing steadily, but an improved and broader army of federal bureau of investigation agents is becoming more and more effective in deterring crime.

This is the belief of Gordon A. Philips, president of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who was formerly an expert in internal security investigations for the bureau.

Philips is in New Orleans preparatory to the annual convention of the society Thursday through Saturday to be attended by some 1000 former FBI agents, many of whom tracked down some of the nation's most notorious criminals interviewed Monday during a conference with local chapter officials, Philips observed that a "strong collaboration of the FBI with state and local law officers proves a vital force in deterring organized crime activity."

He pointed out that "by integrating crime investigations at all levels through close union of FBI agents with local police the work of the bureau has been made more effective in recent years."

Number Increases

Philips and local former FBI agents, Aaron Kohn and Robert R. Rainold, who is national convention chairman, noted that the bureau's organization and operations have had to be streamlined to adjust to the increases in major crime and a trend toward organized and concentrated criminal activity."

Evidence of the developments in the bureau the past 20 years were reflected in the heavy increase in number of FBI agents — from some 600 in the early 1930's to several thousand today—the exact figure is unavailable, the more extensive and improved laboratory techniques and investiga-



—Photo by The Times-Picayune

DISCUSSING ACTIVITIES of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which opens its annual convention here Thursday, are (from left) Gordon A. Philips, association president; Robert R. Rainold, convention chairman, and Aaron M. Kohn.

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Kohn, who is director of the metropolitan crime commission, noted that annual cost of crime now exceeds \$28 billion thus causing the cost of crime detection and investigation to climb at a correspondingly high rate.

Tracing the changes in FBI

work since their own careers principally in the 1930's and early 1940's, the former agents recalled some of the greater hazards which the government investigators faced than are associated with the profession today.

For instance, during the prohibition era, which spawned the trend to "big time" racketeering and crime, only a token force of some 600 FBI agents waged their anticrime operations against some of the most dangerous criminals in history—and, at that time, law prevented FBI agents from carrying firearms.

Many of the delegates to the convention, to take place at the Roosevelt hotel, figured in such cases as the John Dillinger hunt, the Kansas City massacre, the Barker-Karpis (New Orleans) gang roundup, the Lindbergh and other prominent kidnapping cases and the Rosenberg spy case.

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Director Hoover:

Mr. Ed Mason, Special Agent in Charge of your Cincinnati office conferred with me on September 13, 1956 in regard to a newspaper article that had appeared in the Columbus, Ohio Dispatch on September 11, 1956, written by reporter Jack Shough, concerning Homer Jack Dean. This article, as you well know, contained several quotes from a former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. RECORDED 147 107-315381

Very frankly, I was shocked when I read the article and after talking the matter over with Mr. Mason I felt it best to personally inform you that I had nothing to do whatever with this particular newspaper article. I have never discussed this case with reporter Shough, or any other reporter. I informed Mr. Mason that I had no positive proof as to the identity of the former agent who reporter Shough was quoting, however, we both agree that it was possibly the former agent who was assigned to the case in Columbus, Ohio at the time, as the article sets forth. I also advised Mr. Mason that I had no knowledge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation withholding information concerning [redacted] and very definitely I have no knowledge of [redacted] whereabouts on December 1, 1947. b6

I have discussed this newspaper article with the officers of the Columbus, Ohio Chapter, Society of Former Special Agents of the F. B. I., Inc., who all agree that the former agent quoted by reporter Shough certainly used little discretion and was representing himself as an individual, not as a member of our Society.

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I personally regret the incident and sincerely hope that it will never happen again. I have great pride in the fact that at one time I was a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and since my joining the [redacted] [redacted] I have had the pleasure of working in close cooperation with your agents in the Columbus, Cincinnati, and Cleveland areas. I certainly hope that this incident will not affect our future relations.

Assuring you of my cooperation at all times, I remain

Very truly yours.

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[redacted]
Special Agent

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ADDRESS BY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS BEFORE THE SOCIETY
OF FORMER AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
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CURRENT TRENDS IN INTERNAL SECURITY

Society of Former F.B.I. Agents

It is always a real pleasure for me to talk to former associates and friends of the FBI. I can say that one of my most pleasant associations during the time I served as United States Attorney and in my present position has been with the men who represent the FBI.

I number among the members of your society not only old friends but trusted colleagues as well. As you know, many of the most important posts in the security field in our Government are held today by men who have had the training of the FBI. Here in New Orleans the former United States Attorney, George Blue, is a member of your organization. And in my own Division I am fortunate to have among my closest associated distinguished members of your group -- Walt Yeagley, John Doherty, Oran Waterman, and ten other former agents.

In discussions I have held with people in many parts of the country, I have found that while there is unanimous opposition to Communism and the forces behind the world Communist movement, there is often a lack of understanding of just how the Communists operate and what the Communist threat to the United States and the free world is. I know that among you there is no such lack of understanding.

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I thought you might be interested, however, in a brief discussion of some of the aspects of the present Communist Party line in this country.

You are all familiar with the fact that the Party line is geared to zig-zag in order to meet changing world situations; that these tactical shifts cannot be accepted at face value; and that they must be recognized for what they are -- temporary smoke screens designed to shield and implement their conspiratorial plotting.

You will recall the "united front" days of the 1930's, the era of the Hitler-Stalin Pact, and then the period which followed the German attack upon Russia in June 1941. After that time you will remember that any attack upon the Soviet Union, or even upon members of the Communist Party, was considered in many circles as prejudicial to the war effort. Vigorous pressures and propaganda against restrictive measures were generated by the several organizations which had been infiltrated and in many cases captured for just such purposes. The Communist and the pro-Communist deliberately backed up such pressures. As you know, their influence was more extensive than generally realized.

The fight, sometimes not popular, against such forces was not easy. For this timely fight our nation owes many debts of gratitude to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to its Director. I think history will show that first and foremost we must be everlastingly grateful to J. Edgar Hoover for the foresight and the courage, sometimes in the face of important opposition, with which he recognized the

Communist threat for what it was and devoted a large measure of the Bureau's investigative efforts to learning what the Communists were doing.

Unquestionably the backbone of the fight against Communism has been the FBI. It has been our prime bulwark. And you and I know the individual most responsible, the person who first recognized the threat, who moved in most timely fashion to battle it, and who has been its foremost, as well as its most successful antagonist, is J. Edgar Hoover.

Now let us look at the present. We have reached an important crossroad. We again see the Communists adopting the tactic which paid off so well in the 1930's -- the tactic of the "united front". Once again we hear echoes of the view that Communists as individuals are political theorists rather than Soviet agents. We see again the spectacle of the often well-meaning but misled who lend their names to Communist causes.

Take, for example, the signers of a petition last December who asked the President to grant Christmas amnesty to Communists convicted under the Smith Act; or take the example of the attempt to discredit and even destroy the entire informant system. Again we see the Communists seeking to get back into the mainstream of organized labor. You see them in country after country in the Western world attempting to operate in conjunction with, or through legitimate socialist parties. Once again they are attempting to convey the impression that they have severed their international ties with the Soviet Union and the world Communist movement.

As a direct result of the Bureau's coverage, we are constantly being apprised of the Communist Party's changes in tactics well in advance of their employment, thus enabling us to destroy new threats of this foreign-dominated conspiracy. The plain fact is that today we are beating them to the punch because of the dedication and alertness of the special agents and the prosecutors. And that is why the Party today admits they are in a critical situation. Listen to this recent lament of National Chairman William Z. Foster that appeared in the WORKER last August:

"The attack by the Government upon the Party has been DIRECTLY responsible for the bulk of its losses, and this same factor was also INDIRECTLY the cause of most of the remainder of these losses. This INDIRECT influence was expressed through the mistakes made by the Party, which were practically all caused and shaped by the Government attack upon the Party."

Today the Communists admit the disruption and destruction which have been wrought to their Communist Party in this country through the investigations and exposures of Communist activities by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the relentless prosecutive program of the Department of Justice. Our Smith Act prosecutions, for example, have literally riddled the leadership of the Communist Party. We have convicted the members of the National Committee and all of the top officers in all of the important industrial areas of the country with the exception of Foster himself who, as you know,

has been found year after year by court-appointed physicians to be too ill to stand trial. In addition to the Smith Act we have found the Internal Security Act of 1950, as amended by the Communist Control Act of 1954, an important weapon against the Communist movement. We have put new life into prosecutions for false statements and perjury, particularly false statements made in connection with the non-Communist affidavit clause of the Taft-Hartley Act. We have been fortunate in our prosecutive program to have the guidance, inspiration, and full support of Attorney General Brownell who has been the spearhead of this whole program.

Despite the fact that we have the Communists on the run in this country, we cannot for a moment underestimate the seriousness of the Communist threat to our internal security. We can expect no diminution in Communist activities. We have seen no change whatsoever in their avowed aims and purposes of world domination. The only change occurs in their tactics.

I am sure you all noticed the press reports of the long Khrushchev speech last February to the 20th World Congress of Communist Parties. You probably noted that Khrushchev said that the Soviets want to be the friends of the United States and cooperate with us. "We propose this", he said, "with good intentions, without holding a knife behind our back." The knife was there, nonetheless, as indicated, for example, by his subsequent statement that in countries where capitalism is still strong the reactionary forces will inevitably offer serious resistance, and, in his own words, "the transition to socialism will be attended by a serious class revolutionary struggle."

Khrushchev, in other words, was taking us back to Lenin and he reminded his listeners that Communists everywhere must always be guided by the "wise injunctions of Lenin." It was Lenin, you will remember, who said that as long as capitalism and socialism exist, the socialists cannot live in peace and that in the end one or the other will triumph. Particularly significant is Lenin's warning to his cohorts that they must always be ready to make concessions. "Concessions are, in effect," he said, "a continuation of war. They do not mean peace with capitalism but war on a new plane."

And so you see, the new change in the Party line in the United States and in all the countries of the Western world is but a change in tactics or, in the words of J. Edgar Hoover, "the new look is but Leninism in action."

As George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO, recently said,

"That is why we of American Labor have always said there are no American Communists -- there are only Communists in America. These subversives are fanatical believers in the doctrine that their end -- Soviet world domination -- justifies any and every means."

In this connection I may add that there is no reason to believe that the Communists in the United States have diminished in any way their efforts or intentions to infiltrate government, labor, or the world of education, finance, and public information. We are fortunate in having an organization well trained to cope with this latest tactic of the Communists and, once more, we are fortunate to have at the head of that organization a man who recognizes the dangers and who has more

than matched the various stratagems of the Communist leaders as they continually seek new ways to urge us to relax our guard. Let me assure each and every one of you that neither the FBI nor any other part of the Department of Justice will for a moment relax in its efforts to combat and expose the Communist menace.

Your Government recognizes, however, that the struggle against the world Communist movement involves not only defensive activity against infiltration at home but, conversely, an aggressive policy of making known, wherever possible, what the United States are and what they stand for. This was the motivating spirit behind the talks at Geneva last year. At that time we presented a comprehensive seventeen-point program for developing and increasing contacts between the East and the West. These seventeen points called for a freer exchange of information and ideas, both at a governmental level and by private universities and institutions, the exchange of exhibits, the exchange of monthly uncensored broadcasts, and the removal of press censorship. The proposals also called for further and broader exchange of persons between the East and the West. This seventeen-point proposal was rejected by the Soviets at the Geneva Conference.

The everlasting determination, however, of our country to attain world peace on the basis of democratic principles shall not be denied. In the past three weeks we have seen an amazing demonstration of heroic efforts on the part of the people of some of the satellite countries to free themselves of the horrible yoke of Soviet domination. Their daring sacrifice is ample demonstration that the battle against Communism will eventually be won. Truth, education and freedom must prevail.

When there is unity of purpose, a common understanding of the forces which menace our free existence and an unwavering determination to defeat that menace, real security can be achieved.

One of the most distinguished jurists of our times, Chief Justice Arthur T. Vanderbilt of the New Jersey Supreme Court once said that the three great lacks affecting our system of government today are lack of knowledge lack of interest, and lack of participation. As former members of an organization with a great heritage and as men who have continued to distinguish yourselves in government and in industry, you can do much to remedy these three defects. I think that it is fair to say that each of you has a greater responsibility because of your past training and activity to tackle these weaknesses in your own communities and areas of activity. And it takes active help - not passive - to offset apathy as well as propaganda. There is no greater challenge in the world today than this godless threat of Communism.

As former agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation you have acquired a greater understanding and knowledge than most of your contemporaries of what Communism is, what it stands for how it operates, and what it is designed to achieve. You are in a unique position of being able to nail the Communist lies for what they are, to see through their tactics of the moment, and to expose the "united front" activities in which the Communists are today indulging.

The fact that the Communists have reached a new low in their infiltration of American life must not, and will not, beguile us into inactivity. The re-adoption of the "united front" tactic is a warning to us of the course and form which Communist activity is now taking in this country. It requires of us the same vigilance and the same vigorous action which we have displayed in these past few years when so much of the Communist activity was carried on underground.

I know of no group or organization more typical of America than the FBI. And I know of no organization in which the American people have such great faith. Everyday from the window in my office I see Americans, young and old, from farms, factories, offices, and schools taking a tour of the FBI. And these people have one thing in common - faith and pride in a great American institution, its Director, its present members, and those of you who have departed but who contributed so much to its illustrious accomplishments.

There can, of course, be no alibi for lack of interest in the world threat of Communism and the activities of your Government to combat that threat on the part of any man who has had the training and the knowledge imparted to him through his years as an agent of the FBI.

Likewise, it seems to me, you men, much more than most, have the duty and the responsibility to participate intelligently and actively in the affairs of your community, your state, and the nation, and particularly, in this very area about which we have been talking.

As agents of the FBI it was your task to gather facts. That is the great mission of the FBI which has been the bulwark against Communism in this country. It is now your task as private citizens, utilizing the knowledge which you obtained, to perform that other function of evaluating and exposing the activities of the Communists and their agents in our midst.

With this in mind, I feel confident that the remark of Chief Justice Vanderbilt will never be applicable to you, and I know that from your recognition of your obligation and your fulfillment of it, there will come a much stronger America: an America destined to lead the world in assuring liberty and justice for free men everywhere.

In the words of President Eisenhower:

The future of this country belongs to more courageous men.

"It belongs to men who know that freedom's fight must be forever relentless, uncompromising and fair.

"It belongs to men who--today--are ready to bear spiritual and intellectual arms against an alien army of Communist ideas.

"It belongs to men who--tomorrow--will be ready to press their counterattack into the enemy's darkest haunts--the dark areas of poverty, intolerance, prejudice, social injustice.

"The future belongs to men who know--in their hearts and minds, their souls and very bones--that freedom can be strong."

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MR. GORDON A. PHILIPS

PRESIDENT

SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

HOTEL ROOSEVELT

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

I APPRECIATED YOUR MESSAGE OF NOVEMBER SEVEN AND I
WISH TO EXTEND MY GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO YOU AND
MY FORMER ASSOCIATES NOW GATHERED IN NEW ORLEANS.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

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HON J EDGAR HOOVER

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WE REGRET YOU CANNOT BE WITH US AT SOME TIME DURING OUR
CONVENTION STOP MAY I HAVE THE GREAT PLEASURE OF DELIVERING
A MESSAGE FROM YOU TO OUR MEMBERS STOP IT WOULD BE
SINCERELY APPRECIATED BY ALL STOP I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR
THE COOPERATION YOU HAVE GIVEN ME AS PRESIDENT OF THE
SOCIETY STOP CORDIALLY

GORDON A PHILIPS PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
OF THE FBI INC

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ORIGINAL-DIRECTOR

wine to Philips
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Former FBI Men Land in Good Spots

If a reporter resorted to verse to cover one 'angle' of the convention of former FBI agents meeting here this week, he might pen these lines

"Old FBI agents never just die,

They find some other field to try"

Gordon A. Philips, Trenton N. J., who is president of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI now meeting at the

Roosevelt hotel, gave these sample occupations of members

Minister — Oliver D. Collier, Hartford, Conn.

Winery director—John M. O'Connell, Menlo Park, Calif.

Radio station manager—Melvin Purvis Florence S. C. (He's noted for helping to shoot Dillinger)

Brewery foundation official—D. Vincent Huilev, New York city

Restaurant chain president—Thomas J. Feeney, Springdale, Conn.

A number of other former agents, — like Philips, who is a judge—are in allied fields such as private investigation, law, and accounting.

Two ex-agents are state governors—Frank G. Clement of Tennessee (Dem.) and Edwin L. Mechem of New Mexico (Rep.) And 10 men are serving in Congress.

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Ex-G-Men To Assemble In New Orleans

Trenton Attorney Will Direct National Convention

NEW ORLEANS — The G-men and during the past 30 or more years tracked down and captured the most notorious and dangerous criminals in the U.S., will be meeting this week in New Orleans.

Now ex-G-men, they'll be attending the third annual convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and for three days, from November 8 through 10, will take part in various meetings and programs scheduled for the Hotel Roosevelt in New Orleans.

Some 1,000 X-Agents, as they call themselves, and their wives from all parts of the country will be on hand for the affair and directing them will be the best-known former G-man in the U. S.

Gordon A. Phillips, widely-known Trenton, N. J., attorney and municipal court judge, who is president of the Society which has national headquarters at 274 Madison Avenue, New York City, and chapters situated in al-



Gordon A. Phillips

most every important city in the country and in Puerto Rico and Mexico as well. The 3,500 members of the Society, termed the "most exclusive organization in the world," reside in all 48 states and in 23 foreign countries.

Phillips was elected president of the Society at the national convention held last year in Detroit. Two years ago at Chicago he was the first to receive the Society's Award of Merit plaque as the member who had done the most for the Society during the preceding year.

For the past three years Phillips also has been editor of the Society's publication, The Grapevine, a high quality magazine published in Trenton and distributed to members throughout the world.

Tompkins To Speak

U. S. Attorney General Herbert Brownell is sending Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins Jr., former U. S. Attorney for New Jersey, to address the New Orleans convention. Another speaker will be David F. Maxwell, new president of the American Bar Association.

At the closing banquet of the convention next Saturday night, Phillips will turn over the gavel to his successor. Candidates to succeed him are David E. Burgess, Detroit attorney; James A. Carlsen, assistant secretary of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company of Pittsburgh, and William D. Dunne, New York City attorney.

Former special agents of the FBI today hold many important jobs in industry, finance, the professions, politics, etc.

Trenton has several former G-men. They include David F. Conroy, an Assistant State Attorney General; James A. Waldron, a lawyer; William J. McNulty, Clarence T. Lord and John R. Gleeson, attorneys with the N. J. Manufacturers Insurance Companies; and James Daugherty, advertising manager of the Trenton Times Newspapers. Others are Henry M. Stratton 2d, Princeton attorney, and Harvey E. Rath of Pennington, who is vice president of the AMSCO Toy Manufacturing Company of Hatboro, Pa.

Among X-Agents prominent in politics are Congressman Thomas J. Dodd, now Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate from Connecticut; Governor Frank G. Clement of Tennessee; former

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Former Special Agents Now In Top Positions All Over Country

Governor Edwin L. Mechem of New Mexico, Congressman Harold R. Velde of Illinois and many others.

Industrial Executives

Those in the industrial field include John A. Bugas, vice president of the Ford Motor Company; Raymond L. Tollett, president of the Cosden Petroleum Corporation of Big Spring, Texas; Blayne Barton, vice president of American Stores Company; Frank Martinek, assistant vice president of Standard Oil of Indiana; Ralph D. Brown, vice president of Safeway Stores. Edward Scheidt, former agent in charge at New York City, is motor vehicle commissioner in North Carolina, and Joseph P. Condry holds the same position in West Virginia.

Others are clergymen, generals in the Army and Air Force, in top U. S. security posts, industrial security directors, investigators, CPAs, labor and industrial relations men, etc.

Phillips is a past president of the Council of Churches of Greater Trenton and a past president of the Atterbury-Cadwaller Civic Association. He is judge of the municipal court at Fieldsboro, N. J., and frequently sits in Hamilton Township also. He is a director of the Rescue Mission of Trenton, secretary of the Helene Fuld School of Nursing of McKinley Hospital, Trenton, and as attorney for the Helene Fuld

Health Foundation, has handled arrangements for distribution of almost \$2,000,000 in grants to various New Jersey hospitals.

Ex-FBI Agents To Hold Meeting Here Next Week

By JACK DEMPSEY

(New Orleans States Police Reporter)

Crime should be at an all-time low in New Orleans next week—if the underworld denizens have any sense at all.

The reason? In addition to the local gendarmes, there'll be more than 400 ex-FBI agents in town, attending their third national convention.

The group, known as the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc., will meet at the Roosevelt hotel Nov. 8-10.

High light of the convention will be an address by David F. Maxwell, president of the American Bar Association, at a banquet, which will be held at 7:30 p. m. next Saturday.

Delegates are expected from every state in the union, from Central and South America, and other foreign spots such as Hong Kong.

Several sightseeing tours, a "show boat" tour aboard the SS President, cocktail parties and a fashion show for the delegates' wives are included in the three-day convention.

Assistant superintendent of Police Guy Lanister and Robert Rainold, local attorney, who are vice-president of the Southern region, and national convention chairman, respectively, will head the local hosting duties.



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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
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November 6, 1956

Mr. Francis X. Plant

Dear Mr. Plant:

I want to thank you for advising us in the letter of October 30 of your recent election as Chairman of the Washington Chapter, Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., and I deeply appreciate your offer of cooperation.

You may be sure I am indeed grateful for your continued interest in and support of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Washington Chapter Society of
Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation, Inc., recently elected me its Chairman
for the year 1956-57. In such capacity, and also
personally, I wanted you to know of our sincere and
continued desire to be of assistance to the Bureau and
yourself in all matters of mutual interest. Though we
no longer have the privilege of serving under your
immediate direction, our wish to be of service at any
time is always present.

With warm regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Francis X. Plant
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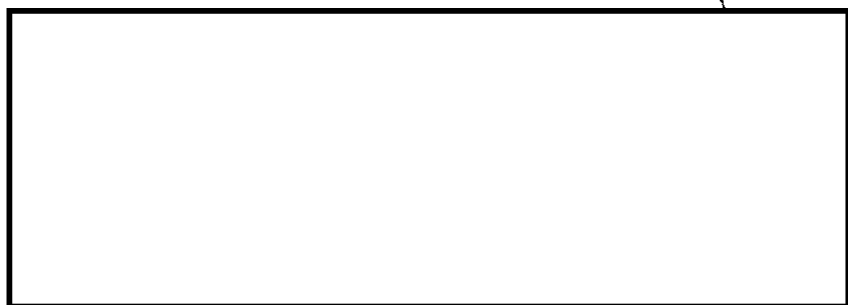
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: November 2, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

[redacted] is taking a vacation and is driving down to New Orleans to attend the annual convention of the Society of Former Agents. [redacted] showed me the other day a code of ethics which he and Ladd have worked up which is excellent. They are submitting it to the executive committee and have already had enthusiastic reports from a couple of the members. I, of course, did not make any comment on the code of ethics other than to thank [redacted] for letting me see it.

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By letter 10/10/56 SAC, Richmond, advised that

had advised

that on 10/3/56 former SA [redacted] had contacted [redacted] in an effort to have the latter produce certain records of a divorce proceeding in [redacted]. [redacted] explained that he was conducting an investigation for an insurance company relating to a civil action for damages resulting from an accident. According to [redacted] identified himself with a card indicating he was connected with [redacted] and when [redacted] said he had never heard of the organization [redacted] related that he had been an FBI Agent for 16 years, had served in the Norfolk area for 5 years and had left the FBI in 1955 because he could get more money in his present work. He told [redacted] he was licensed as an [redacted] asked for further identification [redacted] produced a card on which appeared in large letters the words "Federal Bureau of Investigation" after which there appeared in small letters "Inc."

When [redacted] asked [redacted] just what "Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc." is [redacted] advised him that the card indicated he is a member in good standing of a society of former FBI Agents. [redacted] felt that [redacted] was trying to take advantage of some former FBI connection and told [redacted] he was misrepresenting himself. According to [redacted] became very angry and began to curse and use obscene language in [redacted] office where several ladies were employed. [redacted] called the police and charged [redacted] with disorderly conduct and on the following day [redacted] appeared for [redacted] (not being present) and after a guilty plea was entered on [redacted] behalf by the attorney a fine of \$10 and costs were paid for [redacted] by the attorney.

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[redacted] advised that the personal appearance and attitude of [redacted] was such that [redacted] could not bring himself to believe that [redacted] had been a Bureau Agent. According to [redacted] was somewhat rude and.

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cc - Mr. Nichols (Sent Direct)
Mr. Rosen (Sent Direct)

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memo from
to [redacted]

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while there was no indication he was then drinking his personal appearance and complexion indicated he was possibly a heavy drinker and he was quite a bragger. [] said he should point out that at no time did [] state he is presently with the FBI or in any way connected with the Bureau although [] got the impression that [] would not have objected if someone had become confused and gotten the mistaken impression that [] is connected with the Bureau.

The SAC, Richmond, pointed out that []

[] and is most cooperative with Bureau Agents. According to the SAC, [] is interested in knowing if [] was ever a Bureau Agent and if so, whether he left the service for the reason [] gave him. The SAC suggested that in view of [] position and cooperative attitude the Bureau consider the advisability of informing [] whether [] was ever a Bureau Agent and if so, the circumstances surrounding his separation. The SAC suggested that such information be furnished [] through the Richmond Office. The Director has approved the above suggestion. The SAC, Richmond, also felt that perhaps the Bureau might desire to call the above incident to the attention of the Society of Former Special Agents as well as []

[REDACTED]

Fidelifax is a nationwide organization of former Bureau Agents banded together to conduct private investigations. In May, 1956, considerable newspaper publicity attended the organization of this group [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION:

1. It is recommended that the attached memorandum to the SAC, Richmond, instructing him to advise [REDACTED] is a former FBI Agent who was requested to resign from the Bureau in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

✓ [Signature] Jager 10/16
[Signature] 10/16

2. That Mr. Nichols make available to an appropriate representative of the Society of Former Special Agents the facts of the above incident involving [REDACTED]

✓ [Signature] Jager 10/16
[Signature] 10/16

3. That no contact be made with [REDACTED] regarding this matter.

OK ✓ [Signature] Jager 10/16
[Signature] 10/16

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: November 14 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

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[redacted] called me upon his return from New Orleans where he attended the convention of the Society of Former Special Agents. Jim Carlson was elected president. In his so-called inaugural speech he paid a great tribute to the Bureau which was interrupted with applause. [redacted] stated that there was a uniformly friendly and wholesome feeling manifested toward the Bureau.

The one unfortunate thing which occurred was the election of Russ Kramer as vice president of the Mountain Region. The voting was on a national basis and not by region. This, according to [redacted] was the same thing that happened when Ed Morgan was elected. [redacted]

[redacted] further stated that Tompkins of the Department made an outstanding speech which was certainly well received. We, of course, had seen the speech and a letter has already gone to Tompkins on the speech which was very commendatory of the Bureau. In introducing Tompkins, Gordon Philips referred to him as a future Governor of New Jersey. Philips himself was high in his praise of the Bureau.

[redacted] had prepared a draft of a code of ethics. It was not adopted in the executive committee meeting. [redacted] has not had a chance to get the inside dope on this as yet other than the fact that things were going fast and several matters had to be passed over. He will follow up and secure additional details. INDEXED

You will recall that recently former SA [redacted]

[redacted] protested his actions. He was connected with the former agents running [redacted] talked to [redacted] of Chicago who is handling the over-all personnel in connection with the [redacted] stated that [redacted] action was uncalled for, that investigations had been made, that he was not functioning on behalf of [redacted] but was handling a divorce case for his own investigative setup [redacted]

A decision had not been made by [redacted] as to what to do. Gordon Philips had an investigation made of the incident which was verified, i. e.

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

November 14, 1956

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disorderly conduct and misrepresentations. A decision has not been made as yet by the society as to what to do. [redacted]

[redacted] has now learned, [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] further stated that at one of the meetings Gordon Philips gave a terrific plug for the Don Whitehead book stating that an article on it would be run in the next issue of the Grapevine and urging every single member of the society and their friends to secure a copy as it was the history of the Bureau.

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They seem to be doing
business in the same old
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WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE COMPANY

Executive

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THREE GATEWAY CENTER

PITTSBURGH 22, PA.

November 19, 1956

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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Mr. Trotter	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A trip to New York immediately following the convention in New Orleans has prevented me from writing you sooner.

It was a great honor, in my opinion, to be chosen as President of the Society of Former Special Agents of the F.B.I. The membership of this Society, now over 3400, composed of men who met the high standards of selection of the F.B.I. stands as a tribute to you. They are leaders in their communities and in their business and professional lives. They are proud of their service in the F.B.I.

I am enclosing a list of the newly elected officers for your information. I should like very much to have the opportunity to talk with you for a few minutes if you will advise me of a time and date suitable to you.

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Sincerely yours,

James A. Carlson

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NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS

President James A. Carlson
First Vice President D. Vincent Hurley
Executive Committee Thomas J. Wilkinson
Secretary Edward J. Mahler
Vice President - Northeast Thomas J. Feeney
Vice President - Southern Frank J. Holmes
Vice President - South Central Russell P. Kramer
Vice President - North Central William O. Stalcup
Vice President - Western W. J. Pennington
Treasurer (previously elected for 2 yrs.) A. Ernest Larsen

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mortimer J. Davis	Harold M. Perry
Robert M. Dore	Gordon A. Philips (new)
William D. Dunne	Thomas J. Wilkinson (new)

Ralph F. Batch and Daniel L. O'Connor
leave the Committee, having served three years.

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Mr. Rosen	✓
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Mr. Trotter	✓
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Miss Gandy	✓

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TRENTON 8, N.J.

November 12, 1956

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed Resolution was unanimously adopted at the Third Annual Convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 8-10, 1956.

As its new President I am pleased to transmit a copy to you.

Sincerely,

James A. Carlson
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R E S O L U T I O N

Whereas the Third Annual Convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 8-10, 1956, recognizes that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is the greatest and most highly respected agency of the Federal Government and its Director, J. Edgar Hoover, is one of the most outstanding public servants of all time, and

Whereas the 3400 members of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation today recognize that the growth and success of the society is due to the high standards of selection, training and administration of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover, therefore

Be it Resolved: that the Third Annual Convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation unanimously pledges its help and support, as an organization and as individuals, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Director, J. Edgar Hoover, therefore

Be it Further Resolved: that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States and J. Edgar Hoover.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: November 26, 1956

FROM :

SUBJECT:

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BACKGROUND:

You will recall that by memorandum dated November 21, SAC, Seattle furnished considerable background concerning a controver

[redacted] is a former Special Agent, and the Director noted on the incoming from Seattle, "Does [redacted] belong to Ex Agts Assn?" [redacted] membership directory of the Society of Former Special Agents [redacted] reflects that [redacted] is a member of the Society.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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Mr. James A. Carlson
Assistant Vice President
for Sales Coordination
Westinghouse Air Brake Company
Three Gateway Center
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Carlson:

I received your letter of November 19, 1956, and I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in sending a list of the newly elected officers of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI.

I will be very happy to see you if you have the occasion to come to Washington in the next two or three weeks. As you can appreciate, however, my schedule is rather uncertain, and it would probably be better if you would wire or call ahead to ascertain whether or not I will be in.

Sincerely yours,

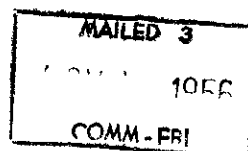
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - [redacted] Room 7117, with copy of incoming
cc - [redacted] with copy of incoming
cc - Mr. Nichols, with copy of incoming

NOTE: Former Inspector James A. Carlson, EOD [redacted] as SA, resigned [redacted] The personnel brief on this former employee is being brought up to date in the Administrative Division, and will be forwarded to the Director's Office forthwith.

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 ___ Mr. Parsons, 7621
 ___ Mr. Rosen, 5706
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 ___ Mr. Trotter, 4130 IB
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L. B. Nichols
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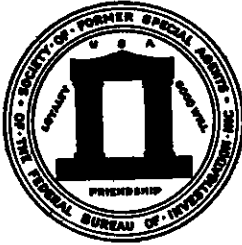


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Society of
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of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

SUITE 1600 274 MADISON AVENUE • NEW YORK 16, N. Y. • MU 3-5631

November 23, 1956

Dear Fellow Member:

The Third Annual Convention of the Society held at New Orleans, November 8-10, 1956, is now history - and what history. It was the largest of our three conventions and everyone had a wonderful time. Bob Rainold, Guy Banister and the New Orleans Chapter are to be highly complimented for their splendid job.

The announcement of the results of the election was made on Saturday, November 10th. The following are your officers for the coming year:

President	James A. Carlson
First Vice President.....	D. Vincent Hurley
Executive Committee.....	Thomas J. Wilkinson
Secretary.....	Edward J. Mahler
Vice President-Northeast.....	Thomas J. Feeney
Vice President-Southern.....	Frank J. Holmes
Vice President-North Central.....	William O. Stalcup
Vice President-South Central.....	Russell P. Kramer
Vice President-Western.....	W. J. Pennington
Treasurer (previously elected for 2 years)	A. Ernest Larsen

The Executive Committee for the coming year will be:

Mortimer J. Davis
Robert M. Dore
William D. Dunne

Gordon A. Philips (new)
Harold M. Perry
Thomas J. Wilkinson (new)

Ralph F. Batch and Daniel L. O'Connor leave the Executive Committee this year after having served three years. They've done a grand job and certainly will be missed. The outgoing officers for the past year deserve the highest commendation from the membership for their time and effort. Working as a team with President Gordon Philips real progress was made.

A luncheon meeting of the old and new Executive Committee and Officers was had on November 10th in New Orleans to discuss plans for the coming year. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is set for Feb. 4, 1957 in New York. It is suggested that if any member has any suggestion to bring before the Executive Committee that he communicate with his Regional Vice President by January 10, 1957. Attached is a list of the regions to insure you know with whom to communicate.

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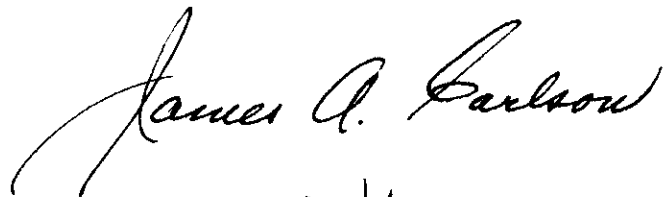
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The new insurance program was announced at the convention. It is my sincere hope that we can this year, with an improved insurance program, come close to 100% membership.

San Francisco, California was chosen as the city for the 1958 Convention. As you know Atlantic City has previously been chosen for our 1957 Convention City. Already plans are in the process of being finalized to make Atlantic City Convention the biggest and best yet held.

I want to thank each and every one of you responsible for my election as your president. I assure all of you I will do my best to further the growth and development of our Society. You have provided a good team with which to work. I am confident they all feel, as do I, complimented by your choice and will join with me in making this another banner year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Carlson". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

James A. Carlson,
President

November 15, 1956

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Mr. James A. Carlson
Assistant Vice President for
Sales Coordination
Westinghouse Air Brake Company
Three Gateway Center
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

W. H. Hyde

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Dear Mr. Carlson:

Many thanks for your kind letter of November 12, 1956, with the enclosed Resolution adopted by the Third Annual Convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation held at New Orleans, November 8 through 10, 1956.

The good words of you and the fellow members of your association mean a great deal to all of us in this Bureau and are a source of real encouragement.

I will be grateful if you will thank your associates for their commendatory remarks, and please let me take this opportunity to extend heartiest congratulations upon your election as president of your society.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Hyde

NOTE: The Bureau has enjoyed *past* cordial relations with Mr. Carlson, who EOD [redacted] and resigned [redacted]

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
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WILLIAM F TOMPKINS

November 7, 1956

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Edgar:

I thought you might be interested in
seeing a copy of the remarks I plan to make before
the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation at New Orleans on Friday,
November 9, 1956.

Sincerely,

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William F. Tompkins

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ADDRESS BY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS BEFORE THE SOCIETY
OF FORMER AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
NOVEMBER 9, 1956.

CURRENT TRENDS IN INTERNAL SECURITY

It is always a real pleasure for me to talk to former associates and friends of the FBI. I can say that one of my most pleasant associations during the time I served as United States Attorney and in my present position has been with the men who represent the FBI.

I number among the members of your society not only old friends but trusted colleagues as well. As you know, many of the most important posts in the security field in our Government are held today by men who have had the training of the FBI. Here in New Orleans the former United States Attorney, George Blue, is a member of your organization. And in my own Division I am fortunate to have among my closest associates distinguished members of your group--Walt Yeagley, John Doherty, Oran Waterman, and ten other former agents.

In discussions I have held with people in many parts of the country, I have found that while there is unanimous opposition to Communism and the forces behind the world Communist movement, there is often a lack of understanding of

just how the Communists operate and what the Communist threat to the United States and the free world is. I know that among you there is no such lack of understanding.

I thought you might be interested, however, in a brief discussion of some of the aspects of the present Communist Party line in this country.

You are all familiar with the fact that the Party line is geared to zig-zag in order to meet changing world situations; that these tactical shifts cannot be accepted at face value; and that they must be recognized for what they are -- temporary smoke screens designed to shield and implement their conspiratorial plotting.

You will recall the 'united front' days of the 1930's, the era of the Hitler-Stalin Pact, and then the period which followed the German attack upon Russia in June 1941. After that time you will remember that any attack upon the Soviet Union, or even upon members of the Communist Party, was considered in many circles as prejudicial to the war effort. Vigorous pressures and propaganda against restrictive measures were generated by the several organizations which had been infiltrated and in many cases captured for just such purposes. The Communist and the pro-Communist deliberately backed up such pressures. As you know, their influence was more extensive

than generally realized.

The fight, sometimes not popular, against such forces was not easy. For this timely fight our nation owes many debts of gratitude to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to its Director. I think history will show that first and foremost we must be everlastingly grateful to J. Edgar Hoover for the foresight and the courage, sometimes in the face of important opposition, with which he recognized the Communist threat for what it was and devoted a large measure of the Bureau's investigative efforts to learning what the Communists were doing.

Unquestionably the backbone of the fight against Communism has been the FBI. It has been our prime bulwark. And you and I know the individual most responsible, the person who first recognized the threat, who moved in most timely fashion to battle it, and who has been its foremost, as well as its most successful antagonist, is J. Edgar Hoover.

Now let us look at the present. We have reached an important crossroad. We again see the Communists adopting the tactic which paid off so well in the 1930's -- the tactic of the 'united front'. Once again we hear echoes of the view that Communists as individuals are political theorists rather than Soviet agents. We see again the spectacle of

the often well-meaning but misled who lend their names to Communist causes.

Take, for example, the signers of a petition last December who asked the President to grant Christmas amnesty to Communists convicted under the Smith Act; or take the example of the attempt to discredit and even destroy the entire informant system. Again we see the Communists seeking to get back into the mainstream of organized labor. You see them in country after country in the Western world attempting to operate in conjunction with, or through legitimate socialist parties. Once again they are attempting to convey the impression that they have severed their international ties with the Soviet Union and the world Communist movement.

As a direct result of the Bureau's coverage, we are constantly being apprised of the Communist Party's changes in tactics well in advance of their employment, thus enabling us to destroy new threats of this foreign-dominated conspiracy. The plain fact is that today we are beating them to the punch because of the dedication and alertness of the special agents and the prosecutors. And that is why the Party today admits they are in a critical situation. Listen to this recent lament of National Chairman William Z. Foster that appeared

in the WORKER last August:

The attack by the Government upon the Party has been DIRECTLY responsible for the bulk of its losses, and this same factor was also INDIRECTLY the cause of most of the remainder of these losses. This INDIRECT influence was expressed through the mistakes made by the Party, which were practically all caused and shaped by the Government attack upon the Party.

Today the Communists admit the disruption and destruction which have been wrought to their Communist Party in this country through the investigations and exposures of Communist activities by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the relentless prosecutive program of the Department of Justice. Our Smith Act prosecutions, for example, have literally riddled the leadership of the Communist Party. We have convicted the members of the National Committee and all of the top officers in all of the important industrial areas of the country with the exception of Foster himself who, as you know, has been found year after year by court-appointed physicians to be too ill to stand trial. In addition to the Smith Act we have found the Internal Security Act of 1950,

as amended by the Communist Control Act of 1954, an important weapon against the Communist movement. We have put new life into prosecutions for false statements and perjury, particularly false statements made in connection with the non-Communist affidavit clause of the Taft-Hartley Act. We have been fortunate in our prosecutive program to have the guidance, inspiration, and full support of Attorney General Brownell who has been the spearhead of this whole program.

Despite the fact that we have the Communists on the run in this country, we cannot for a moment underestimate the seriousness of the Communist threat to our internal security. We can expect no diminution in Communist activities. We have seen no change whatsoever in their avowed aims and purposes of world domination. The only change occurs in their tactics.

I am sure you all noticed the press reports of the long Khrushchev speech last February to the 20th World Congress of Communist Parties. You probably noted that Khrushchev said that the Soviets want to be the friends of the United States and cooperate with us. We propose this', he said, 'with good intentions, without holding a knife behind our back.' The knife was there, nonetheless, as indicated, for example, by his subsequent statement that

in countries where capitalism is still strong the reactionary forces will inevitably offer serious resistance, and, in his own words, "the transition to socialism will be attended by a serious class revolutionary struggle."

Khrushchev, in other words, was taking us back to Lenin and he reminded his listeners that Communists everywhere must always be guided by the "wise injunctions of Lenin". It was Lenin, you will remember, who said that as long as capitalism and socialism exist, the socialists cannot live in peace and that in the end one or the other will triumph. Particularly significant is Lenin's warning to his cohorts that they must always be ready to make concessions. "Concessions are, in effect," he said, "a continuation of war. They do not mean peace with capitalism but war on a new plane."

And so you see, the new change in the Party line in the United States and in all the countries of the Western world is but a change in tactics or, in the words of J. Edgar Hoover, "the new look is but Leninism in action."

As George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO, recently said,

"That is why we of American Labor have always said there are no American Communists -- there are only Communists in America. These subversives are

fanatical believers in the doctrine that their end -- Soviet world domination -- justifies any and every means.

In this connection I may add that there is no reason to believe that the Communists in the United States have diminished in any way their efforts or intentions to infiltrate government, labor, or the world of education, finance, and public information. We are fortunate in having an organization well trained to cope with this latest tactic of the Communists and, once more, we are fortunate to have at the head of that organization a man who recognizes the dangers and who has more than matched the various stratagems of the Communist leaders as they continually seek new ways to urge us to relax our guard. Let me assure each and every one of you that neither the FBI nor any other part of the Department of Justice will for a moment relax in its efforts to combat and expose the Communist menace.

Your Government recognizes, however, that the struggle against the world Communist movement involves not only defensive activity against infiltration at home but, conversely, an aggressive policy of making known, wherever possible, what the United States are and what they stand for. This was the motivating spirit behind the talks at Geneva last year. At

that time we presented a comprehensive seventeen-point program for developing and increasing contacts between the East and the West. These seventeen points called for a freer exchange of information and ideas, both at a governmental level and by private universities and institutions, the exchange of exhibits, the exchange of monthly uncensored broadcasts, and the removal of press censorship. The proposals also called for further and broader exchange of persons between the East and the West. This seventeen-point proposal was rejected by the Soviets at the Geneva Conference.

The everlasting determination, however, of our country to attain world peace on the basis of democratic principles shall not be denied. In the past three weeks we have seen an amazing demonstration of heroic efforts on the part of the people of some of the satellite countries to free themselves of the horrible yoke of Soviet domination. Their daring sacrifice is ample demonstration that the battle against Communism will eventually be won. Truth, education and freedom must prevail.

When there is unity of purpose, a common understanding of the forces which menace our free existence and an unwavering determination to defeat that menace, real security can be achieved.

One of the most distinguished jurists of our times, Chief Justice Arthur T. Vanderbilt of the New Jersey Supreme Court, once said that the three great lacks affecting our system of government today are lack of knowledge, lack of interest, and lack of participation. As former members of an organization with a great heritage and as men who have continued to distinguish yourselves in government and in industry, you can do much to remedy these three defects. I think that it is fair to say that each of you has a greater responsibility because of your past training and activity to tackle these weaknesses in your own communities and areas of activity. And it takes active help - not passive - to offset apathy as well as propaganda. There is no greater challenge in the world today than this godless threat of Communism.

As former agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation you have acquired a greater understanding and knowledge than most of your contemporaries of what Communism is, what it

stands for, how it operates, and what it is designed to achieve. You are in a unique position of being able to nail the Communist lies for what they are, to see through their tactics of the moment, and to expose the 'united front' activities in which the Communists are today indulging.

The fact that the Communists have reached a new low in their infiltration of American life must not, and will not, beguile us into inactivity. The re-adoption of the 'united front' tactic is a warning to us of the course and form which Communist activity is now taking in this country. It requires of us the same vigilance and the same vigorous action which we have displayed in these past few years when so much of the Communist activity was carried on underground.

I know of no group or organization more typical of America than the FBI. And I know of no organization in which the American people have such great faith. Every-day from the window in my office I see Americans, young and old, from farms, factories, offices, and schools taking a tour of the FBI. And these people have one thing in common - faith and pride in a great American institution, its Director, its present members, and those of you who have departed but who contributed so much to

its illustrious accomplishments.

There can, of course, be no alibi for lack of interest in the world threat of Communism and the activities of your Government to combat that threat on the part of any man who has had the training and the knowledge imparted to him through his years as an agent of the FBI.

Likewise, it seems to me, you men, much more than most, have the duty and the responsibility to participate intelligently and actively in the affairs of your community, your state, and the nation, and, particularly, in this very area about which we have been talking.

As agents of the FBI it was your task to gather facts. That is the great mission of the FBI which has been the bulwark against Communism in this country. It is now your task as private citizens, utilizing the knowledge which you obtained, to perform that other function of evaluating and exposing the activities of the Communists and their agents in our midst.

With this in mind, I feel confident that the remark of Chief Justice Vanderbilt will never be applicable to you, and I know that from your recognition of your obligation and your fulfillment of it, there will come a much stronger America: an America destined to lead the world in assuring liberty and justice for free men everywhere.

In the words of President Eisenhower:

' The future of this country belongs to more courageous men.

It belongs to men who know that freedom's fight must be forever relentless, uncompromising and fair.

"It belongs to men who--today--are ready to bear spiritual and intellectual arms against an alien army of Communist ideas.

It belongs to men who--tomorrow--will be ready to press their counterattack into the enemy's darkest haunts--the dark areas of poverty, intolerance, prejudice, social injustice.

The future belongs to men who know--in their hearts and minds, their souls and very bones--that freedom can be strong.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE December 11, 1956

FROM J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT SOCIETY OF FORMER AGENTS
OF THE FBI, INC.

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Former Special Agent [] who has always been very friendly to the Bureau telephonically advised me today that the Society of Former Special Agents have adopted a new insurance program which apparently has caused some consternation among the members with the result that some of the members are threatening to go to court to get an injunction to enjoin the Society from taking on the new insurance program. [] said such a course of action would obviously incite newspaper comment, and he thought it would be a very serious reflection upon the former Agents of the Bureau.

[] stated that former Special Agent [] in New York City about five years ago [] group life insurance program to the Society of Former FBI Agents. This insurance program was underwritten by the Continental Insurance Company. Approximately 1,700 former Special Agents bought this group life insurance at an annual premium rate of \$50 per year for \$5,000 of life insurance. Continental during the past five years paid no dividends to the Society.

Apparently a group of former Agents worked for the North American Life and Casualty Insurance Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and North American Life and Casualty Company made a better offer to the Society with a promise of a substantial dividend with the result the executive committee of the Society cancelled the contract with Continental and accepted the contract of North American Life and Casualty.

[] said there isn't any question that North American Life and Casualty is giving the Society a better deal; however, former Special Agent [] is very unhappy over the actions of the executive committee and former Special Agent [] who was in the Bureau from [] is behind an effort to get the injunction.

[] stated that former Special Agent [] had tried to head this controversy off last night but he doesn't know whether he was successful. In any event, [] said he wanted the Director and the Bureau to know about this feud within the Society.

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cc: Mr. Nichols

another reason why we should not get too close to this group

November 9, 1956

Honorable William F. Tompkins
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

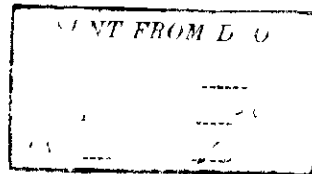
Dear Tommy:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your letter of the 7th with which you enclosed the remarks you are to give before the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., at New Orleans. Your trust in the FBI and my administration of its activities certainly gives me great encouragement, and I would truly be remiss if I did not let you know just how grateful I am for your generous comments. Thank you very much.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: December 29, 1956

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SUBJECT: THE THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE
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AT NEW ORLEANS, NOVEMBER 8-10, 1956

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A brief portion of Monitor today at 10:00 A.M. reflected a conversation between Gordon A. Philips and William F. Tompkins of the Department. Philips was most complimentary in his remarks concerning the FBI and the Director and he introduced Mr. Tompkins.

Tompkins said that he knew of no group or of no organization that was more typical American than was the FBI, and certainly no group demanded or had as much respect as the FBI. Tompkins stated that each day in his office in Washington he could look out his window and see thousands of Americans taking tours of the FBI and that all Americans, regardless of their backgrounds, have great faith and pride in the FBI and its beloved Director. He stated that the former Special Agents had also contributed a great deal to the building of the Bureau and that the Bureau and the Director had actually meant a great deal to and had helped people outside the Bureau, including himself and the Department.

Philips then stated that he felt that people could sleep at night because of the work of the FBI and its Director Hoover in keeping the communist menace under control. Tompkins agreed with this statement and said that Director Hoover was directly responsible for the great work of the Bureau.

Philips stated that he felt that the American people would always have faith in the FBI as long as politics were kept out. Tompkins in reply stated that politics must be kept out of the FBI.

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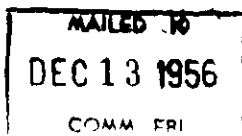
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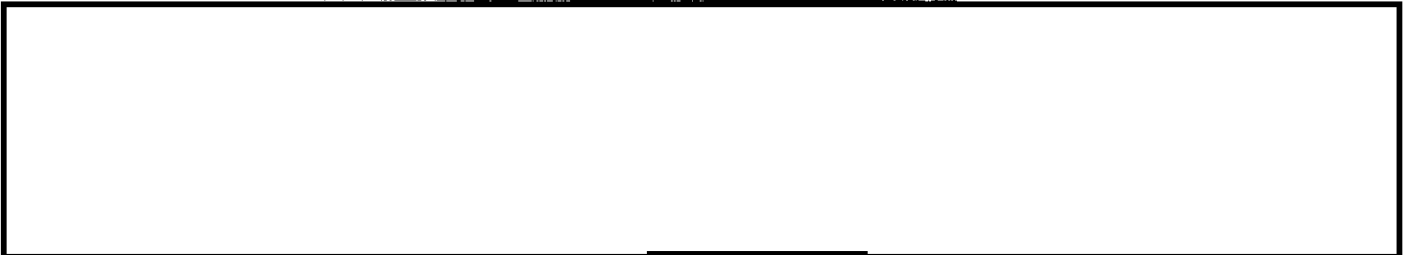
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has his fingers in many things. [redacted] is very friendly to this office and very helpful. [redacted]

[redacted] the National Ex-Agents' Society, and it is suggested that the Bureau may desire to write him a letter [redacted] in care of the newspaper.

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Region Members Prominent In Ex-FBI Agents' Society

By KEN PEARCE

Rocky Mountain News Writer

One of the most exclusive clubs in the nation is the rarely publicized Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Of the more than 4000 members, 75 belong to the Colorado-Wyoming chapter. Almost half of the 75 are practicing lawyers. Others are judges or administer the security programs of large companies.

Yet some go into work that has little or no bearing on the type of training received by FBI men.

Roy M. Stelle, for instance, supervises a deaf and blind school in Colorado Springs. Ex-Agent Ralph Wilson operates the Ralph Wilson Appliance Co. at 1113 15th st in Denver.

Chairman of the local chapter is John Baker, security and personnel manager for the Colorado Interstate Gas Co in Colorado Springs.

Vice chairman is William C. Gallemore who currently works for the Office of Special Investigation at Lowry Air Force Base. Another ex-agent, Robert Main, is also an OSI employee.

NATIVE OF DENVER

Secretary-treasurer is L. J. Barkhausen, a native of Denver and a charter member of the national organization.

Barkhausen joined the FBI in 1919 after service in the Army during World War I. He resigned in 1928.

He got his start in the society in 1937 when there were only 15 members. He was referred to the club by Bill Seery, an agent with whom he had worked closely in previous years.

Seery, who now operates an investigative agency in New York City, gained national fame for his part in breaking the Lindbergh kidnap case.

Barkhausen has been secretary-treasurer of the local chapter almost continuously since it was organized 15 years ago. He now operates his own detective agency in Denver as does another ex-agent, James W. Land.

THE MOST FAMOUS

Undoubtedly the most famous member of the local chapter is Colorado's governor-elect, Steve McNichols. McNichols resigned a year after entering the FBI to take Colorado Bar examinations.

Another widely known Denver member is William Wood. Now a practicing attorney, he

was the city's manager of safety from March of 1952 to January 1953.

Although the society is strictly non-political, two members of the local chapter made political news during the general election Nov 6. Both found the sledding rough.

They are Municipal Judge Paul V. Hodges and Lakewood lawyer Ron Hardesty. Hodges was defeated in his race for county judge and Hardesty lost out in his bid for the post of district attorney of the First Judicial District.

ANOTHER DENVER JUDGE

Another Denver judge and society member who remained out of the political limelight Nov 6 was Municipal Judge George McNamara.

The insurance business has not been overlooked by ex-agents. In Denver, Russ Kramer, a regional vice president of the national organization, is president of the Aegis Insurance Co. Robert A. Knittle, also a society member, is an accountant with the firm.

One member of whom the local chapter is justly proud is George Washington, vice president of the Northern Pacific Railroad at Billings, Mont. Although not officially within the local chapter's boundaries, he is included in the Colorado-Wyoming chapter because it was the closest.

Dow Chemical Co looks to two society members for security at its Rocky Flats Plant. They are William R. Cornelson and his assistant, Robert Carroll.

STRICTLY SOCIAL

One of the main aims of the



Russ Kramer

society is "to assist ex-agents in making good business contacts." Otherwise, it's strictly social.

The local chapter meets once every two months. Next meeting is set for Dec 14 at the Denver Press Club.

Four of the six meetings during the year are stag. The other two are open to the distaff side of the latter takes place in January at the Broadway Colorado Springs. The usually held during the

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Rocky Mountain News
Denver, Colo.
Date Nov. 25, 1956



Ralph Wilson



L. J. Barkhausen



Judge Paul V. Hodges

January 24, 1957

PERSONAL



Dear 

Your selection as a recipient of an award given by the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc., has been brought to my attention, and I am indeed happy to extend heartiest congratulations in connection with this honor.

This recognition of your outstanding police work must make you very happy, and I did want to express my best wishes in this regard.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

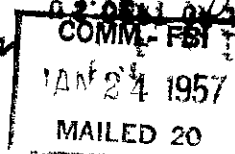
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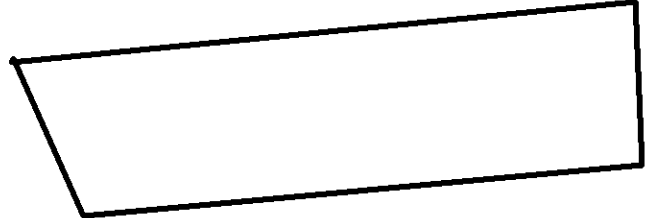
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Woltman to Talk To FBI Alumni

Frederick Woltman, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter of the World-Telegram and Sun, will be the principal speaker tomorrow night at a meeting of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI in Leone's Restaurant, 239 W 48th St.

Mr Woltman, who won the journalism award in 1947 for exposures of the Communist conspiracy in the U.S., will address the New York chapter of the society.

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 N.Y. WORLD TELEGRAM & SUN
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RE: SOCIETY OF FORMER
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January 24, 1957

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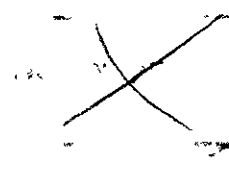
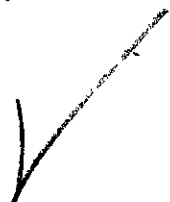
It is indeed a pleasure to extend my heartiest congratulations upon your being named to receive an award from the members of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc., in your area for your outstanding police work.

You may be very proud of the honor being accorded you, and you have my sincere best wishes.


Sincerely yours,

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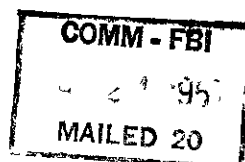


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NOTE: See  to Nichols memo dated 1-23-57, captioned "Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Chapter." CEM:age

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: January 23, 1957

FROM :

SUBJECT: SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
OF THE FBI, INCORPORATED
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Each year, captioned group selects a member or members of the local police department whose achievements have been outstanding, and awards are presented at a meeting. The group annually requests that Director send letter commending the recipient, and Director has done this in the past. The former Chief of Police at Cedar Rapids, Chief William J. Kudrna, was not wholeheartedly behind the award since he felt it might create some friction in his department. For this reason, we declined to allow the SAC to speak at the meeting in 1956. It is noted, however, that this city now has a new Police Chief, Carl J. Badger, who has accepted the invitation to attend the Fifty-ninth Session of FBI NA beginning March 18, 1957.

By letter dated January 16, 1957, [redacted] former Special Agent [redacted] advises that two men, [redacted] have been selected to receive the award this year on [redacted] requests letters to the men and to Chief Badger. In the past, we have sent the letter to the men by cover letter to the Chief of Police. Since we have done this in the past, it appears that Director would desire to do so this year. Files reflect nothing identifiable with [redacted] Consequently, by teletype of January 18, 1957, we requested Omaha to check their indices and conduct discreet limited inquiries concerning the two. Omaha reply of January 19, 1957, is favorable.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That attached cover letter be sent to Chief Carl J. Badger enclosing commendatory letters for [redacted]

(2) That attached acknowledgment be sent to [redacted]

Enclosures

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JAN 25 1957

January 18, 1957

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BUREAU HAS LETTER FROM [REDACTED] DATED JANUARY ONE SIX LAST REQUESTING LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS TO CEDAR RAPIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVES [REDACTED] WHO ARE TO RECEIVE ON JANUARY THREE ONE NEXT AN AWARD FROM SOCIETY OF FORMER FBI AGENTS, CEDAR RAPIDS, FOR OUTSTANDING POLICE WORK. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE BACKGROUND AND REPUTATION OF [REDACTED] YOU MUST NOT, OF COURSE, CONDUCT ANY GENERAL INTERVIEWS AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST [REDACTED] OR ANY CEDAR RAPIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL BECOME AWARE OF THE BUREAU'S INTEREST. SUAIRTEL IMMEDIATELY.

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Follow-up made for January 23, 1957

NOTE: We have in the past provided such letters but since Bufiles do not contain sufficient data on which to base an evaluation of this particular request, it is felt field should check on officers involved.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
JAN 18 1957

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Dear Member:

April 26, 1957

The second meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in New York City on May 20, 1957. If you have any suggestions or matters you want brought before the meeting, please communicate immediately with your Regional Vice President.

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Sincerely yours,

Society For... FRI 11. 17
James A. Carlson
James A. Carlson, Pres.

There are submitted below the names of applicants who have applied for membership in this Society. It is requested that you carefully study this list and in the event you possess any information bearing adversely upon the character or reputation of any of the applicants which you believe would render them unfit for membership in the Society, please communicate with me NOT LATER THAN 10 DAYS after the receipt of this letter.

[REDACTED]

All communications received from you concerning any of the above-named applicants will be treated strictly confidential. Letters bearing adversely upon the character or reputation of any applicant will be immediately destroyed or returned to the author upon their request.

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Sincerely,
Ray Hamilton

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Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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50 Ex-FBI Men In Club Here

By PAUL EINESTEIN
Miami News Staff Writer

Every three months about 50 men get together in Miami for a sociable evening.

While 16 of them are attorneys, the others are engaged in various fields — real estate, radio, public relations, manufacturing and banking.

But there is one common bond between them. They are all former special agents of the FBI.

And they all are members of the Pan-American chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Inc.

100 Live In Florida

Of the 4,000 members of the society in the United States, some 100 make their homes in Florida. And half of them reside in Miami and vicinity.

Chairman of the local chapter is Walter Dence, a tall, graying lawyer who spent 18 years with the FBI before going into the practice of law in 1946.

"We are strictly a social club," Dence explained, "but we do have such things as a national placement service and a life insurance program."

At the last national convention in New Orleans in November, it was announced that every member of the association who wanted to work was gainfully employed.

"All former special agents are not members," the attorney said. "We have a screening committee that passes on

all applicants. But, by the same token, all former agents haven't applied for membership. Just because a former agent isn't a member doesn't mean he has been rejected."

One of the rules of the society is a man must have been a special agent for one year to become eligible for membership.

A lot of familiar local men are members of the local society, Dence said.

These include Federal District Judge Joseph Lieb and Circuit Judge Robert Floyd.

Dan Sullivan, director of the Dade County Crime Commission, is a former agent.

Others include Robert Wall, personnel director for Florida Power & Light Co.; Leo J. Fox, managing director of the Dania Jai Alai Fronton; Elmer F. Vickers Jr., executive manager of Tropical Park Race Track; and James R. Hunter Jr., director of the liquor dealers association.

Some Still 'Policemen'

A medical student at the University of Miami, an airline official, a bottling company president — a total of 22 former agents — now are in jobs other than law or law enforcement.

Some 11 former agents here chose to remain in law enforcement fields or related endeavors such as private investiga-

tors or security posts, Dence commented.

Among these men are Bill Kimbrough, Coral Gables safety director, and three deputy sheriffs — C. W. Thompson, Fred Harris and Bob Hopler.

Throughout the state, other former agents are making their mark, the chapter president said.

These include two judges:

Hugh MacMillan of Palm Beach County, and Gunter Stephenson of Winter Haven, Roger L. Main of Jacksonville, president of the St. Joe Paper Co., and Harold Martin, manager of the industrial department of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce.

Three Governors

Former agents have had a fair amount of success in politics as attested to on the national level by three governors — Frank Clement of Tennessee, Edwin L. Mechem of New Mexico, and Steve McNichols of Colorado — and three Congressmen.

And one of the most fabulous success stories of any former agent is that of John S. Bugas, who was taken into the Ford Motor Co. by Henry Ford when he was agent-in-charge in Detroit.

Bugas, now reputed to be a millionaire, is vice-president in charge of industrial relations.

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WILLIAM KIMBROUGH



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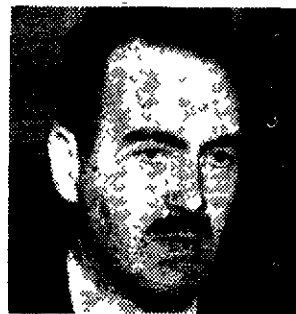


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Now In Many Fields



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DANIEL P. SULLIVAN

May 22, 1957

Mr. James A. Carlson
Assistant Vice President for Sales Coordination
Westinghouse Air Brake Company
Three Gateway Center
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Your letters dated May 13 and May 15, 1957,
have been received.

I certainly appreciate your kind invitation to
speak before the annual convention of the Society of Former
Special Agents of the FBI at Atlantic City this November, but
the extreme uncertainty of my schedule will not allow me to
indicate an acceptance. I trust you will understand my
position in this regard.

In connection with your letter of May 13, I am
indeed happy to forward under separate cover one of my
photographs which you may use in the manner mentioned.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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20 x 24 inch photograph of Director

NOTE Carlson is a former Special Agent who EOD [redacted] and rep[re]ne

There has been contact relations with him since [redacted] investigation

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May 15, 1957

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

J. Edgar Hoover, Esquire
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The annual convention of the ~~Society of Former~~
~~Special Agents of the F.B.I.~~ is being held in Atlantic
City, New Jersey, November 14-16, 1957. Over one
thousand members and a large percentage of their wives
are expected to attend.

It would be a great pleasure and privilege to
our entire membership if you could arrange to spend
any or all of this time with us. We would enjoy having
you talk before the convention at either the Friday
noon luncheon on November 15th or the Saturday evening
banquet on November 16th.

If you would prefer not to speak, but merely
to attend a reception in your honor, this too can be
arranged.

We all extend to you and your associates a
most cordial and hearty invitation.

Sincerely yours,

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James A. Carlson
James A. Carlson

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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

May 13, 1957

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are remodeling the office of the ~~X~~Society of Former Special Agents of the F.B.I., Inc. in New York. We would sincerely appreciate and enjoy a large photograph of you to place in our Reception room. This will be the only picture appearing in the Reception room.

We are very hopeful that it will be possible for you to fulfill our request.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Carlson
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO MR. TOLSON

DATE February 12, 1957

FROM L. B. NICHOLS *hnt*

SUBJECT

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Former Special Agent Francis X. Plant, who is now head of the District of Columbia Former Special Agents Society

called DeLoach 2-7-57 to inquire as to the entry on duty and resignation dates of the captioned individuals.

After checking, Plant was advised that [redacted] entered on duty [redacted] and resigned [redacted] EOD [redacted] and left [redacted] Plant expressed his appreciation. He indicated that both individuals were being considered for membership in the Former Agents Society.

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ACTION:

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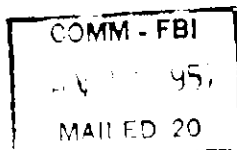
Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of January 16, 1957, has been received, and I deeply appreciate your informing me of the selection of Detectives [redacted] as recipients of the award given annually by the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc., for outstanding police work.

I am happy to advise that letters of congratulations have been written to these officers and have been forwarded to Chief of Police Carl J. Badger to be presented to them at the dinner to be held January 31. Your generous comments concerning the FBI and my administration of its activities mean very much to me, and I am most grateful for your interest in this respect.

Sincerely yours,



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JAN 31 1957

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cc - Omaha (80-349), with copy of incoming. BI

NOTE: See [redacted] to Nichols memo dated 1-23-57, captioned "Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc., Cedar Rapids, Iowa Chapter." CEM:age

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Mr. Tolson

January 16, 1957

Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Society of Former FBI Agents

For a number of years the former Bureau agents living in this area have symbolized their appreciation of competent local law enforcement by presenting an award to the officer or officers of the Cedar Rapids Police Department who have been designated by a committee as having done outstanding police work. This year's awardees, who will be honored at a dinner on the evening of [redacted] are Detectives [redacted]

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Through the years you have, in connection with this annual event, sent letters to the awardees, through their Chief of Police, commending them on their selections; and, inevitably, your letters have come to mean more to the awardees than any other token of honor given to them.

I am sure that Carl J. Badger, the newly-appointed Chief of Police, and Detectives [redacted] would feel greatly honored if you should find it fitting and desirable to write them in connection with this award. Incidentally, newspaper publicity has indicated that Mr. Badger has been nominated to attend the National Police Academy.

I might say that the success of the Bureau under your leadership continues to make all of us proud of our service with the organization; and we wish for all of you the utmost in achievement and prestige.

Yours very truly,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 7-5-57

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: FORMER AGENTS SOCIETY

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Former Special Agent Frank Plant, who is a National
 officer of the captioned organization [redacted]

[redacted] called DeLoach 7-3-57
 relative to 3 applications his organization had received for membership.
 Plant stated the applications were from former Agents [redacted]

[redacted] Plant wanted to know if we could
 give him a few facts concerning the service of the mentioned former Agents.

After checking, Plant was advised [redacted] entered on duty [redacted]

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Plant was told [redacted] entered on duty [redacted] and was

[redacted]

Plant was advised that [redacted] entered on duty [redacted] and resigned
 on his own accord as of [redacted]

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cc - [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 25, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT

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ON 7/25/57 For record purposes only, former Special Agent James Carlson called from Pittsburgh, advising that Vince Hurley, First Vice President of the Society of Former Special Agents in New York, had informed him that [redacted] had contacted Hurley advising that he was [redacted]

[redacted] interested in getting a staff of investigators from the roster of members of the Society of Former Special Agents

Carlson wanted the Bureau to know that the Society wanted to have nothing whatsoever to do with this matter. Hurley has been instructed by Carlson to advise [redacted] that the Society does not know of any members interested in employment and that the Society does not even care to suggest whom they can employ or where they can get investigators

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Carlson also advised in this same connection that the Society adopted a resolution that if former Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] the Society will have [redacted] immediately expelled, however, the Society is doing nothing about it at the moment [redacted]

[redacted] Carlson stated they were following this matter closely and should [redacted] he would be dropped from the organization immediately

Carlson was advised we appreciated his keeping the Bureau posted on these developments

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont

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Date: 7/25/57

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FROM: SAC NEW YORK

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

MISC. INFO CONCERNING (REFER ESPIONAGE)

Re NY Airtel to Bureau 7/23/57.

Re Airtel reflects [redacted]

[redacted] contacted former SA VINCENT HURLEY and made an appointment to see HURLEY on 7/24/57.

HURLEY advised NYO that [redacted] had contacted him on 7/24/57 and [redacted] wanted the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI to recommend a former FBI Agent to [redacted]. [redacted] stated that there would be a handsome fee involved since his client wanted this case cleared up.

HURLEY advised that JAMES CARLSON, President of the Society, in Pittsburgh was informed of [redacted] request and CARLSON stated he would discuss this with the Assistant to the Director LOUIS NICHOLS for his advice. HURLEY indicated that if the Bureau did not interpose any objections the society would make some recommendations.

For info.

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Mr. Belmont

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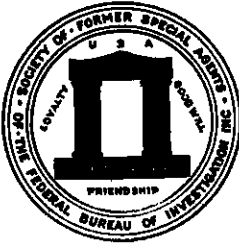
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Society of
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of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

SUITE 1600 274 MADISON AVENUE • NEW YORK 16, N Y • MU 3 5631

August 12, 1957

Dear Member:

You will all be interested to know that hundreds if not thousands of telegrams and letters were sent to Senators and Congressmen by our Society members urging the adoption of legislation to clarify the recent Supreme Court decision in the Jenck's case. It is, of course, impossible to state accurately the effectiveness of our plea but I cannot help but feel in reading the large number of letters received from Congressmen and Senators that we have well stated the cause of the F.B.I. and have made a very decisive impact on the thinking of our Federal Legislators. I wish it was possible for me to write each of you a personal note thanking you for your cooperation. In lieu of this I want each of you who participated in this program to know that you have made a great contribution to the F.B.I. and to the Society by the efforts you have taken. I know from letters received from Mr. Hoover that the Bureau likewise appreciates the efforts of our Society.

Regional Vice Presidents have now held regional meetings with the Chapter Chairmen. I know of no single program of the Society which has done more to establish the effectiveness of Regional Vice Presidents and to truly make this organization national in scope. You elected five fine Regional Vice Presidents, they have done a grand job for everyone and I know you all appreciate this.

The Insurance program has shown remarkable growth. During this administration the membership has grown from 1400 to 2100. We have through the good efforts of your Insurance Chairmen, Bob Swanson and Jack Daley, made arrangements with North American Life & Casualty Company to reopen this insurance program for new members during the month of September. Further literature will be sent to you pointing out that new members may join during September without a physical examination, for a premium of \$11.00 for \$5,000 life insurance coverage for the months of October, November and December. I truly hope every member will recognize the tremendous value of this program. Those who are members should encourage non-members to join.

of 147 RECENT insurance application will be mailed to you at the end of the month.

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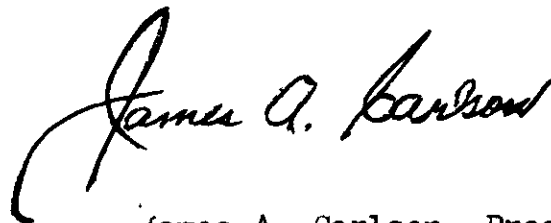
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During the past year some members of our Society have died who were not members of the insurance program. I know in most instances their wives and children could well have utilized \$5,000 additional insurance. Let us give our families the additional protection they need and deserve. Let's have 1000 new members in the insurance program during the month of September. Pay \$11.00 for October, November and December, after which you will be billed on an annual or semi annual basis at the rate of \$43.10 per year for \$5,000 life insurance.

Plans for the Convention indicate we will have the largest and best convention thus far in our Society. More registrations have been received than in any previous year at this time. Reservations are coming in not only from the Eastern States but from all over the Country as far west as California. Your fine Chairmen, Gordon Philips and Bill Freeman, have done a grand job. Let us get the most out of our Society membership by attending the Convention.

Thanks again to all for your wonderful support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Carlson". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "J" and "C".

James A. Carlson, Pres.

Dear Member:

There are submitted below the names of applicants who have applied for membership in this Society. It is requested that you carefully study this list and in the event you possess any information bearing adversely upon the character or reputation of any of the applicants which you believe would render them unfit for membership in the Society please communicate with the writer NOT LATER THAN 10 DAYS after the receipt of this letter.

[Redacted]

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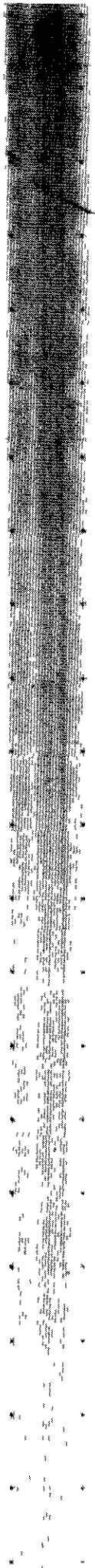
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[Redacted]

All communications received from you concerning any of the above-named applicants will be treated strictly confidential. Letters bearing adversely upon the character or reputation of any applicant will be destroyed.

File 3/12

Cordially,
Ray Hamilton
Raymon L. Hamilton, Chairman



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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Tolson _____

Mr. Nichols _____

Mr. Boardman _____

Mr. Belmont _____

Mr. Mohr _____

Mr. Parsons _____

Mr. Rosen _____

Mr. Tamm _____

Mr. Trotter _____

Miss Gandy _____

See Me _____

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For Your Recommendation _____

What are the facts? _____

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Society Former FBI Agents

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PART IV

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Los Angeles, Fri., July 26, 1957

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THE **INSIDE TRACK**

By **SID ZIFF**

MIRROR-NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

HOW FBI PROTECTS NFL

Pete Rozelle, general manager of the Rams, has something he can add to Bert Bell's testimony before a Congressional subcommittee that former FBI agents are at work for the National Football League in every city.

He says the agents are not working for the league exclusively. They're members of a sort of unofficial agency of

former FBI men. They've formed something like a club, or nationwide association.

They can be called upon anywhere in the country and at any time. Bell uses these men constantly, according to Rozelle.

The men now might be attorneys, private investigators, or even be in industry.

It was this group that cleared Norm Van Brocklin when someone used his name to attempt a coup with an L.A. bookie. Van Brocklin was proved completely innocent.

Bell's ex-FBI agents also advise the clubs if their players are seen associating with undesirables.

These former FBI men are very highly respected. A young man can never get an appointment to the FBI without being investigated 89 different ways. The NFL itself has been remarkably free of scandals.

By the way, the 1957 season really starts today when the Rams open camp at Redlands. The players start practicing tomorrow. One week later, the teams play an intrasquad game for members of the Rams Club. Thereafter, there will be a game every week end until the end of the season. Dec. 15, or later should they make the championship game Dec. 29.





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Mr. Belmont _____
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Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

September 3, 1957

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Society Former FBI Agent

All members of our Society are particularly pleased that legislation was passed to clarify the decision in the [redacted] case. As I have indicated before, hundreds, if not thousands, of letters and telegrams were sent by our members to both houses of Congress. We hope they had some effect in pinpointing and emphasizing the importance of legislation.

There are enclosed herewith copies of some of the letters received by our members from Senators and Congressmen. These were forwarded to me unsolicited so I know they represent only a small portion of those written.

67-029-301

We enjoyed the fine ^{RECORDED} article concerning you and the FBI which appeared in the last issue of NEWSWEEK. We sent cards, printed by NEWSWEEK, to all of our members calling it to their attention.

It has been a pleasure for our Society to have participated in promoting this clarifying legislation. We stand ready to serve you in any way you desire.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Carlson
President

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *V. per ND*

DATE: September 26, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS *for*

SUBJECT: SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

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[Redacted Box]

Jim Carlson, former agent and now an official of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, called from Pittsburgh at 4:30 P.M., 9-24-57. Carlson is an official of the captioned organization and as such has been very cooperative during his term of office.

On the occasion of his call, Carlson indicated that the "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph" had approached him to do a story on the Pittsburgh chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents. The paper was chiefly interested, according to Carlson, in the exploits of Bureau agents while in the service. Carlson told him that none of the former agents could participate in such an article and that they were not interested in personal publicity. He next referred the "Sun-Telegraph" reporter to the national headquarters of the Society in New York City. He also told the reporter that the only information that could be furnished for the basis of a story would be facts surrounding the former agents' experiences following their separation from the FBI, i. e., the fact that some of them had become congressmen, judges, outstanding lawyers, etc. *RECORDED 77*

67-029-302

Carlson wanted to know what our attitude would be regarding an article if he were pressured into submitting information concerning former agents in the Pittsburgh chapter. He was told that this, of course, would be entirely up to the Pittsburgh former agents; however, he should know, as a matter of confidence, that we had had some very disappointing experiences with former agents, particularly in the last several months. The book written by Frederick Ayer, Jr., was mentioned informally to Carlson. Carlson stated that under no circumstances would any agents in the Pittsburgh chapter submit information regarding cases that they worked on while in the Bureau. He indicated that if he was forced to submit an article, the article would be very complimentary of the fine training received by Bureau agents and the excellent leadership afforded by Mr. Hoover. He was advised once again that the preparation of such an article would be entirely up to the former agents and that we very much appreciated his call in this regard. Carlson left the impression that he would be very much against the submission of any article at all regarding this matter.

ACTION:For record purposes. *V.*

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cc- *[Redacted Box]*

CDD:jmr

(3) *[Signature]*

[Signature]

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September 10, 1957

Mr. James A. Carlson
Assistant Vice President
for Sales Coordination
Westinghouse Air Brake Company
Three Gateway Center
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Your cordial letter of September 3, 1957, with enclosures, has been received, and I want to express my deep appreciation for the splendid support you and the members of the Society of Former Special Agents gave the legislation to protect this Bureau's confidential files.

My associates and I were greatly encouraged when the Congress passed this important measure on August 30, 1957, and we are fully cognizant that your assistance along with that of countless other friends of the FBI materially contributed to the passage of this legislation. Please accept our sincere gratitude.

Thank you very much for your generous comments concerning the article appearing in "Newsweek" about this Bureau and my direction of its activities.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Mr. Carlson is a former SA and is presently president of the Society of Former Special Agents. He advised the Director of his action in sending telegrams to the members of his society urging them to contact their Congressional representatives for support of Senate Bill 2377, and the Bureau has received numerous letters from the members of this society advising of their action in this regard.

(See [redacted] to Nichols memo, September 9, 1957, captioned JAMES A. CARLSON, INFORMATION CONCERNING, MLL:pjt)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 10/4/57

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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SUBJECT:

[redacted] called and said that last night at elections for the Society of Former Special Agents the following local officers were elected:

Charles Noone - President
 Paul Tierney - Vice Chairman
 Wes Reynolds - Secretary
 Fred Hall - Treasurer

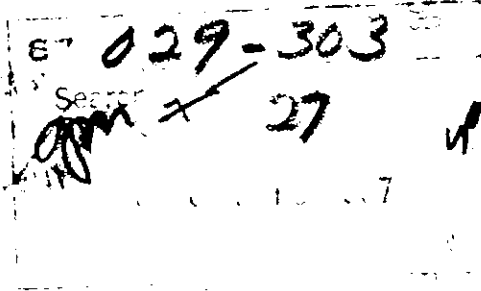
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All of the above-listed individuals are friendly disposed to

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Society of
Former Special Agents
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

SUITE 1600 274 MADISON AVENUE • NEW YORK 16, N. Y. • MU 3-5631

November 1, 1957

Dear Member:

Society of former FBI Agents

I have been advised by the ballot counters that the following members have been elected to serve the Society for the year 1957-1958.

President:	D. Vincent Hurley
1st V. P.	Thomas J. Padeney
Northeast V. P.	Geroge A. Callahan
Southeast V. P.	Walter E. Dence
North Central V. P.	John F. Baker
South Central V. P.	Burton F. Wiand
Western V. P.	Robert E. Manotot
Secretary	John W. Brien
Executive Committee	James A. Abbey
Treasurer	Carmine S. Bellino

In order to have the results of the election reach the members prior to the Atlantic City Convention the membership committee letter was sent to the mailing house a few days ago - the following applicants have been received and we are listing them on the bottom of this letter.

See you in Atlantic City - November 14, 15, 16, 1957

Best wishes to the newly elected Officers - congratulations!

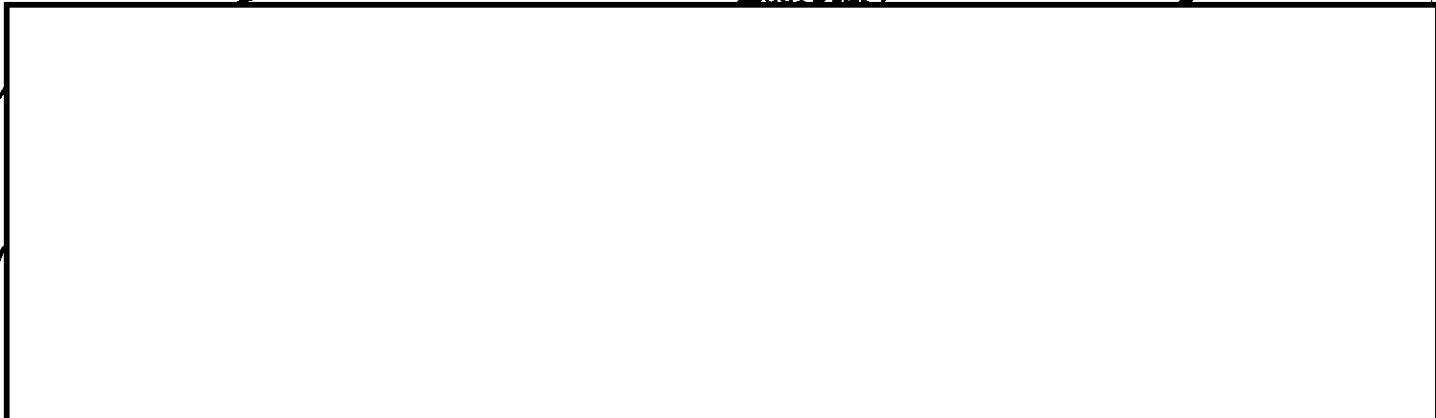
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Sincerely,

Edward J. Mahler
Secretary

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TO:

☒ Mr. Tolson, 5744
☒ Mr. Boardman, 5736
☒ Mr. Belmont, 1742
☒ Mr. Mohr, 5517
☒ Mr. Parsons, 5762
☒ Mr. Rosen, 5706
☒ Mr. Tamm, 5256
☒ Mr. Trotter, 5130
☒ Mr. Sizoo, 1742
☒ Mr. Nease, 5640
☒ Mr. McGuire, 5742
☒ Mr. Wick, 5804
☒ Mr. DeLoach, 5636
☒ Miss Gandy, 5625

☒ Miss Gandy, 5744
☒ Miss Gandy, 5633
☒ Records Branch
☒ Pers. Records, 6631
☒ Reading Room, 5533
☒ Courier Service, 1541
☒ Mail Room, 5531
☒ Teletype, 5644
☒ Code Room, 4642
☒ Mechanical, B-110
☒ Supply Room, B-216
☒ Tour Room, 5625
☒ Stop Desk, 7712

☒ Mr. Tolson
☒ Mr. Boardman
☒ Mr. Belmont
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☒ Mr. Parsons
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You will note from the attached that

of the Former Agents Society.

G. A. Nease
 Room 5640, Ext. 591

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FBI Alumni To Aid Pals

A former Pittsburgh G-Man, James A. Carlson, announced in Atlantic City, N. J., yesterday that the Alumni of the FBI plan a \$42,000 foundation to help needy colleagues.

Carlson is president of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. He is now with Westinghouse Air Brake Co. The Society is holding its fourth annual convention in Atlantic City.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

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FORMER F. B. I. MEN SPURRED BY CLARK

Special to The New York Times
ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 16

United States Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark rallied former Federal Bureau of Investigation agents tonight to "the never-ending job—the twenty-four-hour duty—of taking the initiative in strengthening every level and branch of our Government"

The Associate Justice addressed the fourth national convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

"Interesting yourselves in local affairs, in state activities, in national problems, you can and will bring to our public life a fresh viewpoint, a strong spirit and an abiding faith," he declared. "Yours will be a great and lasting contribution to our form of government"

"In the administration of justice you can and must be a monument of strength. This is where your future lies. Here you private sentinels of the law can man the guard posts of our freedom, the everyday life of our communities. What privilege could be higher?"

D Vincent Hurley of Morris-

town, N. J., was installed as president of the society. He succeeds James A. Carlson of Pittsburgh

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TO MR. TOLSON

DATE October 18, 1957

FROM J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT

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FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

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[REDACTED] was a Special Agent in the Bureau from [REDACTED] and his principal association at the present time [REDACTED] has other affiliations, [REDACTED] he being identified with a realty organization around Washington and also engaged in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. He is reputed to be worth a considerable amount of money.

I have been confidentially advised that [REDACTED] has no affection or loyalty for the Director or the FBI. I have been confidentially advised that [REDACTED] at the time he [REDACTED] had indicated that if the Democrats were successful in the last presidential election [REDACTED] expected to be made Director of the FBI. I understand that [REDACTED] has denied this whereas there are others who state that [REDACTED] has this ambition as a fact.

I have been recently confidentially advised that [REDACTED] still has the burning ambition to become Director of the FBI and it is a rumor to the effect that if the Democrats are successful in winning the next election [REDACTED] expects to be made Director of the FBI. One source told me that [REDACTED] has been particularly vindictive about the Bureau and that it is a known fact that [REDACTED] is a source of information for [REDACTED] about the social life of the Director has been definitely established as having been given to [REDACTED]. The story on the surface appears to have been a good-natured joke, but I understand that [REDACTED] motive was to try to use this innocuous joke to discredit the Director. *140 750-254*

The foregoing is being submitted for your information and for record.

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TO.

☐ Director ☒ Mr. Nease, 5744
☐ Mr. Tolson, 5744 ☒ Miss Gandy, 5633
☐ Mr. Boardman, 5736 ☐ [redacted] 5633
☐ Mr. Belmont, 1742
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L. B. Nichols
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JOHN W. O'BRIEN ☐

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EDWARD J. MAHLER ☐

JAMES A. ROBEY ☐

FOR TREASURER (Vote for One)

CARMINE S. BELIJO

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION10/28, 1957

Director
Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nease
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Miss Gandy

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Mrs. Skillman

[Redacted]
Applicant Office
Mail Room, 5533

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Please Send File
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*Since this comment refers
to p. 6 of The Gravelier
series to Bureau [Redacted]
[Redacted] Mr. [Redacted] recently
wrote [Redacted] on [Redacted]*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease *gm*

DATE: November 22, 1957

FROM :

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SUBJECT: D. VINCENT HURLEY
 PRESIDENT, SOCIETY OF
 FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI

Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI

Former Special Agent Hurley was recently elected as President of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. As a matter of information, Hurley is [redacted]

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is an extremely close friend of Hurley's. Former Special Agent Hurley is also known to SA [redacted]. In SA [redacted] contacts with Hurley, he has noticed that Hurley has always been an enthusiastic supporter of the Bureau. SA [redacted] has also noticed that Hurley has been uniform in his statements of admiration for both the Director and the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

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cc - Mr. Nease
 cc - J. P. Mohr

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November 12, 1957

Mr Tolson	_____
Mr Nichols	_____
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Mr Parsons	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

Mr. Tolson:

Attached hereto is a letter being put out by

[redacted] which letter was sent to all members of the
Former Agents Society advertising the book "Yankee G-Man"
by Fred Ayer.

✓ G. A. Nease

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October 28, 1957

Dear Sir:

We thought you would like to know that Fred Ayer, a fellow-member of The Society of Former Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and perhaps known to you personally, has just written YANKEE G-MAN, a book based on his experiences while an Agent of the Bureau.

All of his friends and fellow agents appear just as they did while the events described were taking place. Some contribute to the more humorous happenings, while the others carry out the serious day-to-day tasks which are the lot of every Agent in detecting and apprehending the criminal who has violated Federal law.

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Whether, to borrow a phrase from the television people, YOU ARE THERE or not you will find within the covers of this book all the humor and excitement with which you, as a former Agent, are familiar.

Beginning with his sometimes hilarious mis-adventures as a trainee, Ayer takes the reader swiftly thru his various assignments in Cincinnati, where "every real criminal S.O.B. at one time or another passes," to Boston, and overseas as agent-in-charge of F.B.I. personnel attached to Eisenhower's staff, to his final assignment in Greece.

Particularly compelling is the part of the book devoted to the contribution of the F.B.I. to the European campaign and to the occupation which followed. This important phase of the work of Federal agents has never before been revealed. Ayer, a nephew of General Patton, also gives you a close-up look at a great tactician and an even greater patriot.

YANKEE G-MAN is available at all booksellers. If there isn't a book store near your home or office, we are enclosing a handy self-mailing order card for your convenience.

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Gentlemen:

Please send me copies of

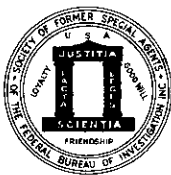
YANKEE G-MAN by Fred Ayer, Jr. @ \$5.00 per copy.

I enclose my check in payment.

Name.....

Address.....

City.....Zone.....State.....



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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

November 21, 1957



Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I have the signal honor of transmitting to you the enclosed resolution, adopted unanimously at the Fourth Annual Convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation/ Inc., held in Atlantic City, November 14-16, 1957.

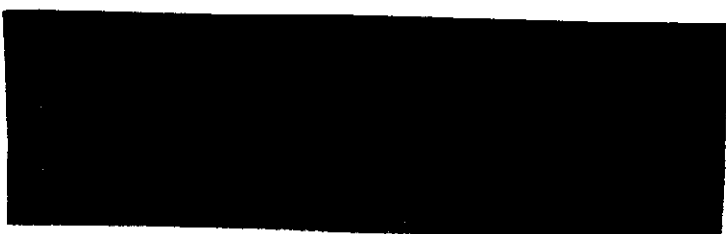
It gives me great pleasure also, as my first official act as newly elected President of the Society, to assure you, on behalf of the officers and in fact the entire membership of the Society, that in addition to renewing our pledge of our continued support we stand ready to assist you and the Bureau in any situation in which you think we might be of some help.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

D. Vincent Hurley
D. Vincent Hurley,
President

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R E S O L U T I O N

Whereas the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in Convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, November 14-16, 1957, fully appreciates and applauds the preeminent status among Government agencies enjoyed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the universal respect and admiration so properly accorded its outstanding Director, J. Edgar Hoover, and

Whereas the 3,600 members of this Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation recognizes that the success of the Society is directly attributable to the high standards of selection, training and administration, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover, therefore

Be It Resolved; that the Fourth Annual Convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation unanimously pledges its help and support, as an organization and as individuals, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Director, J. Edgar Hoover, and therefore

Be It Further Resolved: that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States, and J. Edgar Hoover.

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98 TO 100 STREETS ON THE OCEAN IN BAL HARBOUR, MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA

29 November '57

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Intelligence
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover.

Perhaps this letter may be somewhat premature, but this can only be attributed to the anxiety of a young man eager to do a good job in a new position. I have just this past week come to Miami Beach from Boston to learn that The Society of Former F.B.I. Special Agents has selected Miami Beach for its 1960 Convention.

Thanks to some Boston contacts, I have been put in touch with [redacted]

[redacted] Needless to say there will be a multiplicity of hotels competing for this particular convention, and I know beautiful Balmoral can withstand any competitive pressure, here or in any part of the county.

My main purpose in "chatting" with you is to establish somewhat of a rapport between us while apprising you of the hotels and my genuine desire to be selected as headquarter hotel. I know your overloaded schedule prevents you from taking too active a part in these affairs, but if it does allow, perhaps you might be able to stay with us for a few days to see for yourself the splendid accommodations we have to offer.

Let me thank you for your indulgence and wish you continued success in achievement. With the kindest of regards, please believe me to be

Sincerely,

THE BALMORAL HOTEL

Charles Schlakman
Charles Schlakman
Convention Manager

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Spotlight

Ex-FBI Agents

By DAVID NEVIN

When the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI met this month in Atlantic City, San Antonio's Gus Jones was the admitted dean of the group.

Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, a lawyer from Dallas who served as U S attorney general in the Truman administration, understood that

Making the national organization's closing speech, he lauded Jones as a symbol of the kind of men the FBI produced.

New hearty and ruddy at 75 Jones retired from the FBI in 1945 after nearly 40 years of law enforcement work, almost 30 of it with the FBI. He spent 23 years as agent-in-charge of the San Antonio office and worked on many of the biggest cases in the lawless gangster era.

Still Active

In 12 years of retirement, Jones has remained professionally active and highly alert.

He is extremely proud of the ex-agents' organization. He noted:

"We're still working, all of us in one way or another, against the enemies of our country."

Actually, it's surprising to learn how much civilian security work is being done by former agents.

Jones himself is a security consultant widely sought after across the country. When he

retired from the FBI, he took on the back-breaking job of organizing and putting into operation security systems for 27 industrial plants around the country.

He still visits them on a consultant basis, though as the years have passed, he limits his trips to the trouble spots.

Industrial security is important as never before, he believes.

Many of the scientific discoveries upon which this nation may eventually depend are being developed today by private industry.

Security Value

Some of the companies working on component parts of missiles, other military hardware and atomic projects bear no apparent relation to the finished product. Yet the discoveries their basic research departments make and the actual plans for the parts they construct may be of primary security value.

Many plants which a few years ago never thought of secrecy today have tight security systems, organized by professional FBI agents and thoroughly staffed.

The ex-agents' organization roster shows a sprinkling of security specialists at every major war industry plant, such as the large aviation companies.

Jones proudly notes the proof of the special qualities demanded of FBI agents is in the achievements they've made after leaving the service.

Eight are U S attorneys or assistants. About 30 are municipal judges and officials. Many have gone into police work.

The organization contains six members of congress, a sprinkling of federal judges and more than 900 practicing attorneys.

Two Governors

At least two have reached political heights. They are Gov. Edwin Mechem of New Mexico and Gov. Frank Clements of Tennessee, who made the keynote speech at the last Democratic presidential convention and is considered a potential Democratic presidential nominee.

Including Jones, San Antonio supplies an even dozen members. Oddly, Councilman Ralph Winton, a former agent who will stand for county commissioner next year, is not a member.

Most of the local members are attorneys. They include T. Kellis Dibrell, Charles H. Eiring, James F. Gardner, William H. Haight, John E. Halpin, Robert E. Joseph, Michael J. Kaine, Robert D. Maddax, William H. Nichols, James Burleson Smith and former city Personnel Director Frank Manuppelli.

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Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

The San Antonio Light
San Antonio, Texas
December 3, 1957
Title: EX-FBI AGENTS

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November 26, 1957

Mr. D. Vincent Hurley
President
Society of Former Special Agents of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.
Suite 1600
274 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

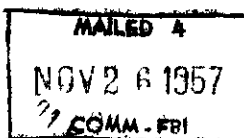
Dear Mr. Hurley:

Your thoughtful letter of November 21, 1957, with enclosure, has been received, and I want you to know how much I appreciate the action of the Society of Former Special Agents in passing the very favorable resolution regarding the FBI. My associates and I are, of course, deeply grateful for the generous comments.

May I also take this occasion to extend my congratulations upon your election as President of the Society, and it was good of you to offer to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Former SA Daniel Vincent Hurley EOB [redacted] and resigned

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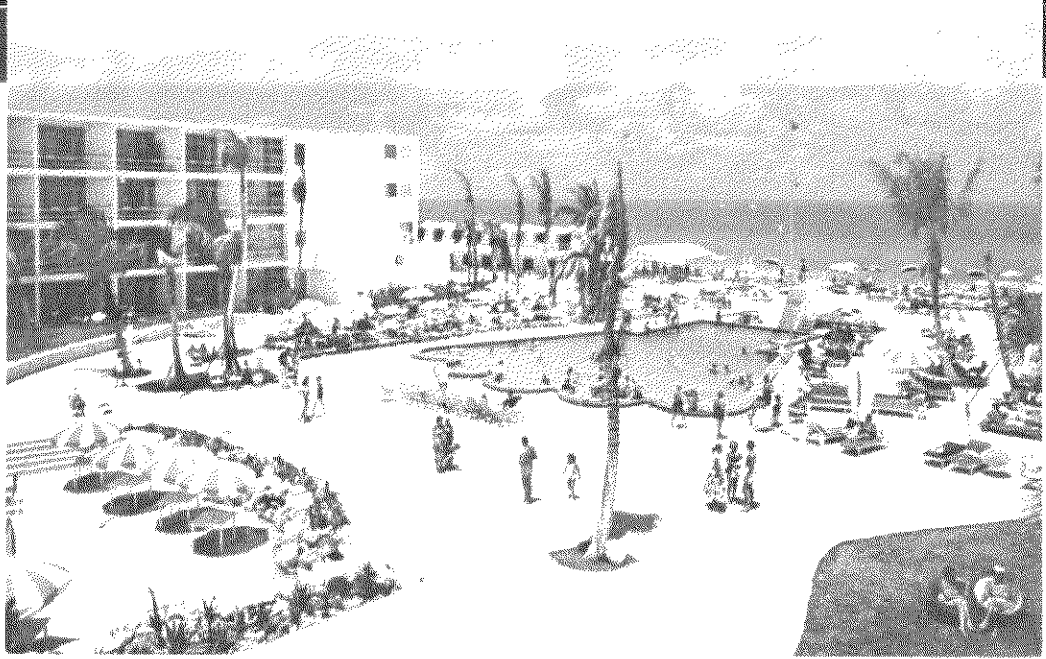
[redacted] There has been no correspondence with him since his resignation [redacted] Upon the receipt of a similar resolution last year the Director included a sentence of acknowledgment congratulating Former SA James A. Carlson on his election as President. [redacted]
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ENCLOSURE



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262 rooms each with private terrace — exotic Balmoral Lounge — smart Embassy Room for dining and dancing — two blocks of ocean beach — olympic swimming pool — sparkling Cabana Club — golf, fishing, tennis nearby — spacious free parking area



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Mr. Clayton	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

[Handwritten signature]

13 December '57

Society Former FBI Agents

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
United State Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to thank you very much for your gracious reply to my letter of November 29. We have already forwarded appropriate information to Mr. Hurley in the hope that he will strongly consider our hotel for the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc. 1960 Convention.

Let me once again renew my invitation for you to come and stay with us at beautiful BALMORAL when your schedule allows. If at any time you know that you will be in the immediate area, I do wish you would contact us as our hand of hospitality shall always be outstretched toward you.

With the kindest of regards and my good wishes for a happy and healthy Holiday Season for you and yours, please believe me to be

Sincerely

[Handwritten signature of Charles Schlakman]

Charles Schlakman
Convention Manager

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December 10, 1957

The Honorable John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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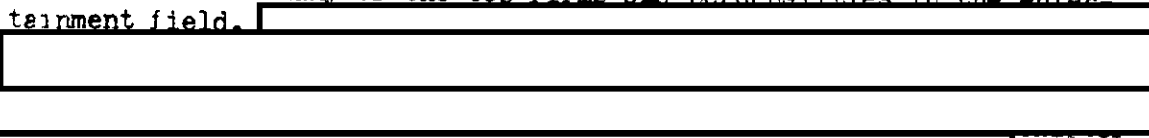
Dear Mr. Hoover:

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You will be interested in knowing that last Tuesday, December 3, [redacted]



Briefly, this law firm represents our agency and is on our retainer. They specialize in motion picture, television and radio talent having as their clients many of the top firms and personalities in the entertainment field.



[redacted] set up this luncheon so [redacted] could explain his ideas to me and get some reaction as to my thinking in my capacity as a former agent as well as head of this advertising agency.

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Briefly, [redacted] idea is a weekly TV program based on outstanding FBI stories, authentic in detail, with the actual FBI Agent who participated in the case appearing at the end of the program in his present capacity. The picture is to open and close with the seal of The Society. No approach will be made to you personally until after three or four pictures have been filmed. [redacted] has made an analysis from the membership directory as to the present occupations of the membership of The Society of Former Special Agents and has statistics as to the number of men in political, religious, civic and business life, many of whom are outstandingly successful in their present capacities. This would give a sort of "What's Up Now" angle to the show. As the format became known the audience would be most interested in learning what the former agent's occupation is now.

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In answer to the direct question as to how these men were contacted, [redacted] suggested that they contact [redacted] in New York City explaining that I was not exposed to them in any way. These men are extremely enthusiastic about the possibilities.

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The Honorable John Edgar Hoover
December 10, 1957
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of this program. They state that someone will succeed in putting this together if they do not, and they are concerned about the security during the next several months as it is their hope to begin shooting in February.

[] stated that he has talked to several people who specialize in television properties and they share his enthusiasm. The delay in getting this information to you was due to the fact that [] agreed to give me a written outline of his project, but [] called today and said that it will not be ready until after the first of the year.

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A blind copy of my letter to [] is attached for your confidential information.

Kindest personal regards.



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December 9, 1957

Mr. Charles ~~Schlakman~~
Convention Manager
The Balmoral
98th to 100th Streets, Collins Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Schlakman:

Your letter of November 29, 1957, with enclosures,
has been received.

I appreciate your interest in contacting me concerning
the proposed 1960 Convention of the Society of Former Special Agents
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.; however, I thought you
might like to know that this group is not officially affiliated with this
Bureau and that its activities and operations are directed by its own
members. You may wish to contact Mr. D. Vincent Hurley, the newly
elected president of the organization, at Suite 1600, 274 Madison
Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles reflect no information identifiable with Schlakman. The
Director sent Hurley a note of thanks on 11-26-57 regarding a resolution
adopted by his group and congratulated him upon his election as president.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease *NY*

DATE: December 17, 1957

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

PROPOSED TELEVISION PROGRAM
FEATURING MEMBERS OF THE
FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS SOCIETY

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[REDACTED] a former Special Agent and now an [REDACTED] wrote the Director on December 10, 1957, and mentioned a contact which had been made by a television producer, [REDACTED] concerning a series of television programs dealing with the exploits of the members of Former Special Agents of the FBI Society. [REDACTED] was noncommittal to [REDACTED] and advised him to contact the President of the Society, Mr. D. Vincent Hurley.

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[REDACTED] enclosed a copy of the letter which he wrote to Hurley stating that it would be unthinkable for the Society to enter into an agreement to portray their activities while in the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter to [REDACTED] be sent.

Enclosure *sent 12-18-57* ✓

cc - Mr. DeLoach

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: January 2, 1958

FROM :

SUBJECT: PROPOSED TELEVISION PROGRAM CONCERNING
ACTIVITIES OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

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Former SAC [redacted] wrote the Director on December 24, 1957, stating he had been contacted by a [redacted] concerning a series of television programs dealing with the exploits of former Special Agents. This matter was first brought to our attention by [redacted] in his letter to the Director of December 10, 1957. [redacted] letter was acknowledged on December 18, 1957, at which time [redacted] was advised that the possibility of former Special Agents/in programs based on their experiences was "unthinkable." being depicted

While in New York over the Christmas holidays, SA [redacted] of Crime Records Section had a conversation with Mr. D. Vincent Hurley, President of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. Mr. Hurley is a personal friend of SA [redacted]. Hurley said that he had received a copy of [redacted] letter to the Director with a letter [redacted] wrote to him concerning this matter. Hurley said that he had not yet been contacted by [redacted] and that when he was he would turn [redacted] down flatly and so advise the Director.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter be sent to [redacted] 135

Enclosure sent 1-3-58

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December 21, 1957

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

[redacted]
[redacted] recently wrote you, has been in to see me about a television program based on the experiences of former Agents. He said he is asking a number of former Agents for their opinion [redacted] and has in mind possibly calling on the Society President, D. Vincent Hurley, in New York.

I told [redacted] that as far as I personally am concerned I do not want any portrayal of my activities in the Bureau for the following reasons: (1) I took an oath that I would not reveal any confidential information acquired by me during my Bureau service; (2) I would not subject my family to possible reprisals as the result of any such revelations; (3) I am sure that [redacted] would not appreciate having one of its officers publicized in the role of prior activities; and (4) I feel sure that you, Mr. Hoover, would not sanction any such program. b6

With respect to the Society itself, I told [redacted] that in my opinion the Society would never engage in any such activity without your blessing upon which he said that if your approval were required he would have to consider "myself dead." It was apparent that he did not feel he could obtain Bureau sanction for such a program. 42-42-2-1

I am assured by [redacted]

[redacted] is a reputable individual and long a customer [redacted]
[redacted] however, this had no influence on my discussion with him.

I am taking the liberty of furnishing a copy of this letter to Mr. Hurley in New York since [redacted] may be in touch with him for an appointment.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
James C. Ellsworth
(FORMER SAG)

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Special
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New York
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: January 8, 1958

FROM :

SUBJECT: PROPOSED TELEVISION PROGRAM REGARDING
EXPLOITS OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

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You will recall that Messrs. [redacted]

[redacted] both former Agents, have been keeping us advised of a proposed television program concerning the exploits of former Special Agents which is being promoted [redacted]

[redacted] have clearly stated their objection to such a program to [redacted] who has not as yet made contact regarding this proposition with Mr. D. Vincent Hurley, President of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. Mr. Hurley has indicated that when [redacted] does contact him he will flatly reject this offer.

By letter dated January 3, 1958, [redacted] sent to the Director a copy of the proposed format of this television program which was sent him by the attorney handling the work of [redacted]. Upon receipt of this brochure [redacted] advised this attorney that he wanted nothing to do with such an effort and that any television series concerning the FBI should be done by the Bureau proper and that the Former Agents Society would be doing a disservice to the FBI if it were to undertake this project.

The proposed series would be of the weekly half-hour variety. Each episode would dramatize one outstanding incident in the career of a former Agent during his FBI career. At the conclusion of each episode, the actual former Agent portrayed would appear in person and, according to their format, "would have the opportunity to express in his own words his personal tribute to the high ideals of the FBI and its Director, J. Edgar Hoover."

The format also states that a former Agent would act as a liaison representative between the Former Agents Society and the producer of the program. According to the format the Former Agents Society would receive a share of the royalties for its welfare purposes.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the attached be sent to [redacted]

Enclosure

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SAC, Kansas City (80-2)

January 16, 1958

Director, FBI

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Society of Former
F.B.I. Agents
SPEECH INVITATION
WICHITA CHAPTER
FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
APRIL 7, 1958

Reurlet January 10, 1958. Since there has been no change in Bureau's policy re attending functions of captioned society, you should discreetly decline this invitation.

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Director, FBI

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SAC, Kansas City (89-2)

SPEECHES
KANSAS CITY DIVISION

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The Bureau is advised that Mr. PAUL V. SMITH, [redacted] who is secretary of the Wichita Chapter of the Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has extended an invitation for me to be the guest speaker at their quarterly meeting on 4/7/58 at the Lassen Hotel in Wichita, Kansas. I know most of the Ex-Special Agents in Wichita and they appear to be gainfully employed and held in high respect by their associates.

In SAC Letter 54-13, dated 3-9-54, under Section E, the Bureau stated that we were not to accept invitations to attend functions of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In view of the time that has elapsed since the above instructions were given the field, I am withholding acknowledging Mr. SMITH's letter until the Bureau advises me as to its desires in the matter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE. January 21, 1958

FROM

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT PROPOSED TELEVISION PROGRAM
RE EXPLOITS OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

Tolson ☒
 Nichols ☒
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 Holloman ☒
 Gandy ☐

You will recall that former Special Agents [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] have been keeping us advised concerning
 possible television program which would deal with the exploits of former
 Special Agents.

This program is being promoted by an individual known as
 [REDACTED] By letter dated January 3, 1958, [REDACTED] sent to the
 Bureau an outline for a proposed program entitled "Grapevine" which was by
 [REDACTED] and which had been furnished to [REDACTED] The Director
 wrote him on January 9, 1958, thanking him for sending in the outline and also
 thanked [REDACTED] for his "forthright rejection" of the idea.

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In accordance with your suggestion, it is felt that we should have
 SAC Brown of Los Angeles call on [REDACTED] and politely and firmly advise him of
 the Bureau's extreme displeasure concerning such a television show and also
 provide him with a copy of Public Law 670 protecting our name and indicating to
 him that we will take necessary legal action to so protect it.

Due to lack of identifying data we do not have any material which
 we can positively identify with [REDACTED]

We also received word from former SAC [REDACTED] who
 said that [REDACTED] had contacted Vincent Hurley who is President of the Society and
 that Hurley is against sponsoring any such television series. [REDACTED] however,
 according to [REDACTED] is contacting the Executive Committee of the Society for their
 support and is trying to induce Agents who worked on various cases to act as
 consultants.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend attached airtel be sent to SAC, Los Angeles.

Enclosure *sent 1-22-58*

cc - Mr. Rosen

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE. January 23, 1958

FROM

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
PROPOSED TV SERIES

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Reference is made to Mr. Mohr's memorandum of January 21, 1958, wherein he had a conversation with former Special Agent [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED] who is trying to get the Society of Former Special Agents to put on a TV series.

The Director asked what we knew about [REDACTED] background. b6

The Director will recall that on January 21, 1958, an airtel was sent to the Los Angeles Office instructing them to call on [REDACTED] and enter our protest concerning this proposed series.

We checked our files but in view of the common name and lack of identifying data we could not make any identification; however, we did determine that there was a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

In our instructions to Los Angeles we told them to check their files to see if they had any identifying data and if nothing precludes their doing so they should contact [REDACTED]

It is assumed, of course, that when Los Angeles gives us their reply (deadline January 28) that they will include the result of their file check; however, in order to make certain that they do, it is recommended attached airtel be sent Los Angeles.

Enclosure

sent 1-23-58

V. [REDACTED]

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To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

[REDACTED] PROPOSED TELEVISION PROGRAM ENTITLED "GRAPEVINE"
RE EXPLOITS OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS, RESEARCH MATTER.

ReBuairtel 1/21/58.

In referenced airtel the Bureau indicated that you should check your files for any identifying data on [REDACTED] prior to having him interviewed. It is now desired that you forward to the Bureau with the results of the interview any information which you might have on [REDACTED] in your files and also any other identifying data which you can secure from credit check or other confidential sources which might assist the Bureau in making a check of its files.

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Follow-up 1/28/58 [REDACTED] 2/3/58

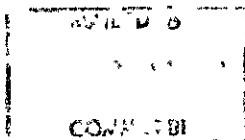
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NOTE: See [REDACTED] to Nease memo 1/23/58 re Society of Former Special Agents Proposed TV Series, ECK:grs.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO MR. TOLSON

DATE January 21, 1958

FROM J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
PROPOSED TV SERIES

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[redacted] came in to see me today and he stated [redacted]
he was contacted by [redacted]
was trying to solicit [redacted] aid and assistance in getting the Society of
Former Special Agents to put on a TV series. According to [redacted]
[redacted] thinks he might be able to get the Bureau to endorse such a program.
[redacted] wanted to know if there was any possibility of the Bureau doing such
a thing. I told [redacted] that to my knowledge there was absolutely no
possibility whatever of the Bureau endorsing or approving any such
arrangement.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was in Washington principally to
contact former Special Agent [redacted] who is a member of the
Executive Committee, to try to convince [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that on February 10, 1958, there is to be a meeting of the
Executive Committee of the Society in New York City and President Vincent
Hurley has told [redacted] the proposition has been placed on the agenda for
discussion at this meeting. [redacted] said that [redacted] was contacting all
members of the Executive Committee to try to line them up in favor of his
proposition.

[redacted] loaned me a copy of the prospectus which [redacted] has
prepared, which is dated December, 1957. The prospectus is entitled
"Grapevine, A Proposed Thirty Minutes T-V Film Series." The prospectus
is rather interesting and I have made a Photostat copy of it, which Photostat
copy is attached.

[redacted] said that [redacted] knows about the statute against the
use of the name of the FBI for commercial purposes, but apparently [redacted]
has had his lawyers check on this statute and [redacted] is not so sure that it
isn't legal for a former Agent to use the fact that he was a former FBI Agent.
[redacted] pointed out that the use of the name of the FBI would be similar as
appeared in the book of former Special Agent [redacted] on his
experiences in the FBI. [redacted] said the proposed program would not be
dissimilar to the present series "FBI in Peace and War," which is on radio.

Enclosure

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(C) CC MR. NEASE - SEN. DIRECT

FBI FILE

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson
Re: Society of Former Special Agents
Proposed TV Series

[] said a very attractive part of the proposition was the fact that [] was offering five per cent of all royalties to the Society for the use of the Society's welfare foundation. [] said such an arrangement would have quite an appeal to Society members and their vote.

[] stated that he is not a member of the Executive Committee of the Society, but is going to write a letter to President Vincent Hurley pointing out that he, [] is opposed to the Society undertaking any such venture as proposed by []

[] stated he would keep me advised of any further developments.

The foregoing is submitted for your information.

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*Special memo.
being prepared
on proposed
TV program*

*This fellow []
writes & talks
typical "gold-bustle
salesman." Just what
is his background?*

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1/17/58

Mr Tolson	✓
Mr Boardman	✓
Mr Belmont	✓
Mr Mohr	✓
Mr Nease	✓
Mr Parsons	✓
Mr Rosen	✓
Mr Tamm	✓
Mr Trotter	✓
Mr Clayton	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO: MR. TOLSON

FROM: A. ROSEN

[redacted] called from New York saying that he had heard that a man named [redacted] apparently had certain commitments or was getting certain commitments to do a series of films lasting 26 weeks dealing with cases which were handled by the FBI.

Apparently he is contacting former Agents of the Society for Special Agents. Vincent Hurley is President and apparently he has contacted him and he has said that the Society is against sponsoring any series. [redacted] however, is contacting the Executive Committee of the Society of Former Special Agents for their support and it is also understood that he is contacting former Agents with the inducement that the Agents who worked on these various cases will be employed as consultants, that their names will be used at the conclusion of the telecast and that they will get the benefit of such credit line.

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[redacted] said that we probably had this information but he wanted to make sure that we had the information concerning [redacted] efforts to get the support of the Former Special Agents Society.

[redacted] wanted to be remembered to the Director and Mr. Tolson.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO Director, FBI

DATE 1/24/58

FROM SAC, Pittsburgh

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SUBJECT SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI
(PROPOSED TELEVISION SERIES CONCERNING MEMBERS THEREOF)

Pursuant to my conversation with Mr. MOHR on January 21, 1958, I conferred personally with former Special Agent in Charge [redacted] concerning

the proposed television series being submitted to the Executive Committee of the Society by [redacted]

[redacted] are emphatically opposed to such a television series. They feel that it is definitely contrary to the objectives of the Society and both immediately volunteered to do everything they could to halt any favorable consideration. In fact, [redacted] stated that the President of the Society, J. VINCENT HURLEY, had called him several days ago indicating that former Special Agent [redacted] apparently was interested in this series. [redacted] stated at that time he was definitely opposed to such a venture and he said that Mr. HURLEY was also in a like frame of mind.

During the meeting with Messrs. [redacted] they promptly placed a long distance call to Mr. HURLEY, who was out at the time. [redacted] said he would follow through on this call (on the afternoon of January 24, 1958) and would let [redacted] and the writer know what transpired.

Later on the afternoon of January 24, 1958, [redacted] called and advised that he had been in touch with HURLEY who informed him that as far as he knew the only one on the committee who was interested was [redacted]. According to [redacted] HURLEY feels it is a dead issue and he is not listing it on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting, although he will bring up the idea so that it can be definitely killed.

3 - Bureau
(1 cc: Assistant Director J. P. MOHR)
(PERSONAL ATTENTION)
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According to [redacted] former Special Agent [redacted] has been interested in the idea since it would bring royalties to the Foundation of the Society. [redacted] said he was going to call [redacted] and insure no support would be forthcoming from that source. According to HURLEY, former Agents [redacted] who are members of the committee, are opposed to it.

[redacted] said that HURLEY inquired if the FBI had expressed opposition to this and [redacted] stated he did not refer to the writer's contact but told HURLEY that he, HURLEY, ought to well know that the FBI would be opposed to such an idea.

For your information, both [redacted] are of a strong opinion that the Society should do no "trailblazing" into such fields as campaigning for better law enforcement at a local level, a national crime prevention week, etc. They feel that the Society should have one objective only, other than being a membership organization, and that is the continued emphasis on the Society's Foundation which has been created to assist impoverished former Special Agents and their families or to support worthy charitable causes. They both indicated that there are some members who because of publicity are desirous of "going off the deep end," embarking on something that appears to be appealing at first blush without analyzing its full consequences.

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It should be noted that both [redacted] seem highly pleased that they would be called upon in this matter.

Both were informed along the lines of the writer's discussion with Mr. MOHR that this series is something that would never receive the Bureau's approval and, in fact, it would be looked upon as presumptuous. It was also pointed out that if the Executive Committee of the Society were to go through with such a series it would place the Bureau in the position of either having to endorse the series or to alienate itself from such an idea and that there would be no recourse but to oppose it.

The writer will keep you informed of any pertinent developments that might arise in connection with this matter.

January 22, 1958



Dear [redacted]

Al Rosen has advised me of your telephone call on January 17, concerning [redacted] and his attempts to get former Special Agents to collaborate with him on a TV series dealing with FBI cases.

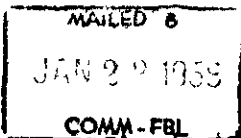
For your confidential information, we have previously had an inkling of this TV series, and I sincerely hope that the Society will stand firm in opposing this idea.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in this matter. I would very much appreciate hearing of any further information concerning this proposed series which might come to your attention.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

J.E.H.



cc - Mr. Rosen

NOTE: By separate communication, SAC, LA has been instructed to contact [redacted] and advise him of the Bureau's stand in this matter and to enlighten him with the provisions of Public Law 670 which protects the name and initials of the FBI.

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Society of Former FBI Agents

The Honorable John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You will find enclosed a Thermo-Fax copy of the brochure prepared by [redacted] for a television program built around the F. B. I. The other enclosures are self-explanatory.

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With this letter go all best wishes to you and yours for a
Healthful, Happy, and Prosperous 1958.

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"Grapevine" [redacted]

I would appreciate any comments you might care to make after you have read it.

Kindest regards and best wishes for the
New Year.

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January 3, 1958

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

You asked my opinion concerning the brochure prepared by [Redacted] proposed television series built around the F. B. I.

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I feel most strongly that if any television series is to be produced it should be with the consent and direction of the F. B. I. itself, making it the F. B. I.'s official story. The Society of Former Special Agents would be doing a disservice to the F. B. I. if it were to undertake this project.

Kindest personal regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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ENCLOSURE

January 23, 1958

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

As I promised when you came in to see me last week, I have discussed with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, your project for a television film series based on the experiences of former FBI agents.

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Mr. Hoover has authorized me to say that he not only did not approve but would vigorously oppose any such project. His view is that use of such material by former agents would be contrary to existing law and to the FBI oath which all of them took.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

cc: Director, FBI

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Dear



I have received your letter of January 3, 1958, with which you enclosed the brochure prepared by [redacted] proposed television program concerning the exploits of former Special Agents.

Your promptness in bringing this brochure to my attention is very much appreciated, and I was glad to note your forthright rejection directed to [redacted]. As I have mentioned previously, I certainly would not condone any such venture.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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See [redacted] to Nease Memo, dated 1/8/58, captioned PROPOSED TELEVISION PROGRAM RE EXPLOITS OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Nease
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Clayton
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 30, 1958

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-248)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SUBJECT: SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI
(PROPOSED TELEVISION SERIES CONCERNING MEMBERS THEREOF)

Reference is made to my communication to you of January 24, 1958, concerning the captioned matter, wherein it was related that former SAC [redacted] were emphatically opposed to any television series relating to former Special Agents of the FBI.

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It will be recalled that [redacted] called the President of the Association, VINCE HURLEY, on January 24, 1958. In addition to that action, there is enclosed a copy of a letter written by former SAC [redacted] to the President of the Association, wherein it will be noted that he definitely goes on record opposing such a television series.

In the event there are any additional developments I will keep you informed.

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January 28, 1958.

Mr. Vincent Garley



Dear Vince:

[redacted] and I were talking on Friday and he mentioned the television proposition that [redacted] is considering. We understand that he would use Society members to furnish story information and as narrators, or participants to some extent in the programs.

We did not know how you feel on the matter so we tried to call you, but you were out of the office, hence this note.

I hope that the Executive Committee will not be so anxious to raise funds for the Foundation of the Society that they will get into something like this. It seems to me that attempts to relate, or portray details of cases we worked on while we were Agents in the F.B.I. is most unwise. It is not up to us to disclose such information, in fact we agreed not to do so. Also, questions immediately arise as to which Agents would participate in such a program and selection of one over another could cause considerable feeling.

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It would not be likely that the Bureau could endorse such a program and might even be forced to protect itself by having the producer make one of those announcements about disowning the program as is done in the "F.B.I. Peace and War" Series. To me the whole thing would cause difficulties from the moment it is undertaken and I hope the Executive Committee will not approve the idea. If you desire, please feel free to read this communication to the Committee at your next meeting.

Your Pittsburgh friends hope it will be possible to pay us a visit in 1958. [redacted] and I certainly would enjoy having you here.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

ENCLOSURE

R.B. HOOD

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

P. O. Box 2344
Boston, Massachusetts
January 30, 1958

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

LAUGHLIN

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

RE: ~~SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL~~
~~AGENTS OF THE FBI~~
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I talked with [redacted] upon his return to Boston today. I told [redacted] for his own confidential usage that the Bureau had received information indicating that [redacted] contemplated doing a series of television shows on the activities of the former Special Agents of the Bureau. I told [redacted] whom I have known personally for 22 years, that if this contemplated scheme were crystallized the Bureau would have to take an official position and oppose it on the basis that the ex-Agents would be violating the oath of office they took upon their entrance into the Bureau's service.

[redacted] said he had not heard of this proposition yet but as far as he was concerned, it was "just another scheme" on the part of some of the ex-Agents to use their former position in the Bureau and the Society for their personal gain. He said it has been necessary to squelch many such attempts in the past and that he personally would be violently opposed to the Ex-Agents' Society having anything to do with such a proposition.

[redacted] of the Ex-Agents' Society and also is a member of the Executive Committee. He volunteered that he would bring up this matter before the Executive Committee which is scheduled FEB 14 1958 quarterly meeting in New York City on February 7th, without, of course, revealing his source, and will take a determined stand opposing any such action on the part of the former Agents' Society.

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover

January 30, 1958

From my association with [redacted] over the years, I feel that he is sincere in his remarks and that he will take the action he has mentioned. He further stated that he would get in touch with me upon his return from the meeting of the Executive Committee and let me know the results.

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Any additional information received from [redacted] of course, will be promptly submitted to you.

Sincerely,

L. L. Laughlin
L. L. Laughlin
Special Agent in Charge

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: February 4, 1968

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT: **BROADWAY SHOW**
1 "WHO IS THE GIRL I SAW YOU WITH"

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SAC Hennrich called from Philadelphia advising that he had received a call this afternoon from former agent [redacted] who informed him that the former agents in Philadelphia had been working solidly since yesterday on their problem of attending the above-captioned show and holding a reception for [redacted]. He stated that former agent [redacted] Hurley, the President of the Society, has been in touch with him and those in Philadelphia have been dealing directly with Hurley and the Executive Committee of the Society and are taking their cues from them.

They have canceled the party at the Warwick Hotel but will probably have to hold some type of function at a smaller place such as a bar. In any event, they have canceled the large formal affair. They have cut their block of tickets from 60 down to 25, and of these 25, 13 will be used by individuals having had no former connection with the Government. They feel that at this date they probably should not cancel out completely but endeavor to hold attendance to a minimum.

[redacted] stated yesterday he had received a letter from the public relations man handling the show, indicating he would be in Philadelphia today and would see [redacted] but suggesting that formal letters be sent to [redacted] inviting them to attend the reception. [redacted] stated, of course, this would not be done and, when he talks to the publicity man, he will tell him there has not been much interest in the matter and any affair they hold in Philadelphia will be very small and it might be preferable to make the presentation of the gift they have for Hayes and his wife at a later date, perhaps in New York.

Hennrich stated that [redacted] and his associates are worried. He further stated that today he has received several calls from former agents who are friendly to the office, advising him they have heard the play is no good

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Rosen
cc - Mr. [redacted]

This clearly shows it is a publicity stunt. CRIMINAL

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson


February 4, 1958

and they want him to know they will not attend.

Hennrich has, likewise, cautioned the personnel of the Philadelphia Office concerning this matter.

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Insofar as is concerned, he understands that Hennrich spoke to him as a friend and that, insofar as his activities in this matter are concerned, he is advising other former agents that he is taking his cue from President Hurley and the Executive Committee of the Society.



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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

P. O. Box 2344
Boston, Massachusetts
January 27, 1958

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

LAUGHLIN, LEO L.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

RE: SOCIETY OF FORMER
SPECIAL AGENTS OF
THE FBI

FORMER
SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FBI

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

While talking with [redacted]

[redacted] I took the opportunity of telling him that certain information had come to the Bureau's attention indicating that [redacted]

[redacted] was contemplating doing a series of television shows on the activities of the former Special Agents of the Bureau, from which the society was to get a certain percentage of the royalties for its welfare fund. I reminded [redacted] whom I know as a substantial, reliable individual, that a divulgence on the part of former Special Agents of the FBI of the facts concerning cases on which they might have worked while in the service of the Bureau, amounted to a violation of the oath which they took at the time of their entrance on duty in the Bureau. I also explained that although the subject had not yet reached the stage where the Bureau would have to take an official position, when it did it would be necessary for the Bureau to oppose it.

[redacted] said that he personally was very much opposed to such a plan and that he would arrange to bring it up at the next meeting of the Boston Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents without, of course, revealing his source of information. [redacted] of the Boston Chapter, told me [redacted] of the Society and will see to it that the Boston Chapter goes on being opposed to any such undertaking on the part of the Society.

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover

January 27, 1958

From my talks with [] I know that he has great admiration for the Bureau and you personally.

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I intend to discuss this matter with []

[] within the next few days upon his return to Boston. I have known [] for approximately 22 years and am aware, from my contacts with him, of his esteem for the Bureau and his gratitude to you personally for his present position.

Sincerely,



L. L. Laughlin
Special Agent in Charge

[Redacted]

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. Clayton ✓
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

[Redacted]

January 28, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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My Dear Mr. Hoover:

1, of 1... FBI Agents

In a recent conversation with Mr. Leo B. Laughlin, Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Division of the Bureau, Mr. Laughlin mentioned that he had heard that certain individuals within the Society of Former Special Agents of the F.B.I., Inc., are considering a proposal by one [Redacted] to provide material for the production of television programs concerning the work of the Bureau and concerning the Society of Former Special Agents.

I am writing to you at this time as a member of the Society of Former Special Agents to assure you that any such activity on the part of that Society is in my opinion inimical to the best interests of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as well as to the Society of Former Special Agents. I am confident that the majority of Ex-agents of the Bureau, who are members of this Society, would not be in sympathy with the participation of the Society in any such activity as that mentioned by Mr. Laughlin. It has always been my personal feeling that the oath taken by each Special Agent on the occasion of his appointment to the Bureau renders participation in any such activity specific disregard for the spirit of the Bureau and its oath of office.

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I wish to assure you at this time that I shall devote my efforts among fellow members of the Society in this area to the end that the Boston Chapter of the Society shall be recorded against any such undesirable commitments to publicize without Bureau permission the activities of the F. B. I.

With every good wish for your continued good health and the success of the Bureau, I remain

Very truly yours

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted]

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February 17, 1958
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Hon. John P. Mohr
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Johnnie:

Thanks for your letter of February 14th concerning [redacted]
[redacted] proposed TV program. I am in receipt of a copy of
a letter which the Society has sent to [redacted] and I am sending you a
copy for your information.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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February 11, 1958

[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

b6 The Society's Executive Committee meeting was held on February 7, 1958 as scheduled. Your wire, asking that consideration of the project proposed by you be deferred was read. However the matter was in fact considered and a decision made. This came about because several of the committee members brought it up during a discussion of other matters which were, in a general way, related. As a matter of fact, I also felt that consideration of your proposal was in order and should not be deferred.

The committee unanimously agreed that it should go on record, on behalf of the Society, as being opposed to sponsoring, sanctioning, or approving any commercial venture. I was instructed to write you and inform you specifically that the committee opposed Society participation or participation by its members in any manner in the TV series suggested by you.

Concern was also expressed and I was also instructed to inform you that the Committee protests the use of the word "Grapevine" as the title [REDACTED] submitted by you. This is the copyrighted name of our Society magazine. In addition we ask that you make it clear in this prospectus that the project does not have the approval or sanction of this Society or its members.

Sincerely yours,

D. Vincent Hurley
President

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February 5, 1958



Letter From FBI Agents

Dear 

Your letter dated January 28, 1958, concerning



who wishes to use former Special Agents of the




FBI in a television series regarding Bureau cases, has been

received. I want you to know that I appreciate your continued

interest in and support of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

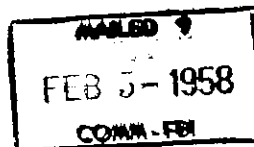
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Letter of same date sent SAC Laughlin at Boston, Massachusetts.  is a former SA who EOD  and voluntarily resigned  and cordial relations have been had with him since his resignation.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Clayton	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE February 10, 1958

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-248)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SUBJECT : SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI
(PROPOSED TELEVISION SERIES CONCERNING MEMBERS THEREOF)

Reference is made to my previous communications concerning captioned matter.

Former Inspector [redacted] advised the writer that he returned from an Executive Committee meeting which was held Feb. 7, 1958. He said those present were unanimously opposed to having any series of television programs concerning former Special Agents of the FBI. He said that the issue is dead and that former Special Agent [redacted] who had originally expressed interest in this series was written a letter pointing out that the Executive Committee was opposed to such a series. In addition, the Executive Committee adopted a resolution that there not be publicity in the Society's magazine, "The Grape Vine" concerning activities of former Special Agents in connection with their official work while they were Agents of the FBI.

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It appears that there will be no further issue about the television series, however, in the event any additional details are brought to the writer's attention they will be immediately communicated to you.

3-Bureau (1 cc Assistant Director J. P. MOHR)
1-Pittsburgh
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February 18, 1958

Honorable James P. McGranery
Barr Building
912 17th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

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Apropos of our recent conversation, I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of a letter addressed to [redacted] on February 11, 1958 by Mr. D. Vincent Hurley, President of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning [redacted] proposal that the society join in a television series.

There would seem to be no doubt as to the views of the society's Executive Committee with respect to this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO MR. TOLSON

DATE February 3, 1958

FROM

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT

BROADWAY SHOW
"WHO IS THE GIRL I SAW YOU WITH"

Tolson
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated February 1, 1958, to you and the teletype received from SAC Hennrich Office the same date. SAC Hennrich points out that [REDACTED] Agent, has advised that a group of former Agents plan to attend the opening performance (Wednesday, February 5, 1958) and thereafter hold a reception for Peter Lind Hayes.

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ACTION TAKEN

At your instruction, Wick, at 10:30 AM today, telephoned the Philadelphia Office and talked with SA [REDACTED] in the absence of SAC Hennrich and ASAC Brown. Hennrich is testifying in state court today and could not be immediately reached.

Wick told [REDACTED] who said he was familiar with the background of this matter, that he should inform Hennrich the Director desires that he contact former SA [REDACTED] as soon as possible concerning the play. If SAC Hennrich's relationship with [REDACTED] is sufficiently strong, Hennrich should tell him the play appears to hold the FBI up to public ridicule and the Agents are made to appear as buffoons. He should be told the play appears to portray the Director in a most unfavorable light, is undignified and violates standards of procedure and rules. [REDACTED] was told to tell Mr. Hennrich that we wanted this done simply so that those members of the Society of Former Agents, who are friendly to the Bureau and who have secured a block of sixty tickets for the opening performance, will be apprised of the true picture.

[REDACTED] was cautioned that the contact with [REDACTED] or any other responsible former Agent concerning this matter should be handled most discreetly, bearing in mind the problem, the objective and the fact the Bureau should not be placed in the position of even suggesting the former Agents not attend the opening night or participate in the reception for [REDACTED]

cc - Mr. Boardman

cc - Mr. Rosen

cc - [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson:

[] was told that immediately following any action taken in the above regard by SAC Hennrich, we should be advised by telephone.

[] mentioned that he had discussed this entire situation with SAC Hennrich this morning and SAC Hennrich had in mind telephoning the Bureau later today to seek advice as to whether he should inform personnel of the Philadelphia Office of the background so that such personnel would not innocently attend the play. It was the belief of Mr. Hennrich that should writer [] happen to learn that FBI personnel in some numbers are attending the play, we might be placed in a difficult position. b6

RECOMMENDATION:

That SAC Hennrich be authorized to briefly outline to Philadelphia Office personnel the background in a vein similar to that followed by Hennrich in briefing former SA []

yes.
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SAC Hennrich was advised by Wick to do so.

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ADDENDUM: 2-3-58, 11:50 AM, REW:cp: SAC Hennrich telephoned Wick stating he would have recommended in his February 1, 1958, wire the briefing of [] but he thought this is something the Bureau should decide. He said we should bear in mind that certainly there may be some number of unfriendly members of the Society of Former Agents who, hearing of our objections, would so apprise [] to the end. The latter might cry that the FBI is now out to boycott the play. Wick told Hennrich the matter should be handled discreetly with [] but on the basis of simply advising him of the type of play for his own confidential information and pointing out that any action the Society of Former Special Agents takes is a matter for their own decision.

Hennrich also asked whether we believed he should have an Agent in attendance the first night for the purpose of reviewing and reporting back to the Bureau

Hennrich will be told to do this.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO Mr. Tolson

DATE February 3, 1958

FROM G. A. Nease

SUBJECT BROADWAY SHOW
"WHO IS THE GIRL I SAW YOU WITH"

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
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Nease _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
Trotter _____
Tulley _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

I discussed this matter with [] this afternoon and let him read a synopsis of the script. He agreed that it was in extremely poor taste and a reflection upon the Bureau and the Director. After discussing the pros and cons of the matter, however, he stated that he felt we would be better off to let the matter rest as it now is, having made a protest to the producer. He remarked that definitely it did not come within the purview of Public Law 670 and that he saw no basis for legal action. He stated that it would be interesting to note what the critics wrote about the show since it appeared to him that it would probably fold of its own accord. He pointed out that, should we make a public protest, it would undoubtedly be used by the producer and might have the effect of creating an undue interest in the show which will not occur if it is not called to the attention of the public. He stated there have been other similar shows lampooning the President of the United States and other public officials and, generally speaking, there is little that can be done about it.

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In conclusion, [] stated he was pleased we had thought enough of him to seek his advice and that his best judgment is to let the matter rest as it is. He did indicate that he would be personally interested in the critics' reviews of the play.

cc - Mr. Boardman

cc - Mr. Rosen

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO MR. TOLSON

DATE February 3, 1958

FROM G. A. NEASE

SUBJECT BROADWAY SHOW
"WHO IS THE GIRL I SAW YOU WITH"

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As reported in my memorandum earlier today SAC Hennrich was to see [redacted] He did so and called Wick with results at 4:05 PM today.

[redacted] said Hennrich, had already heard from former SA Vince Hurley of New York and was fully acquainted with the objectional nature of the play. [redacted] said that the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI (hereafter called the Society) obtained Peter Lind Hayes to entertain them at their convention in Atlantic City, November 13, 14 and 15, 1957, through former SA [redacted] (He is, of course, very Anti-Bureau.) [redacted] understood that [redacted] arranged for Hayes' appearance. At the convention of the Society, Hayes mentioned to those attending that he would be in a play soon regarding the FBI and that some of the men might wish to see it. Several indicated they would attend. A group of ex-Agents suggested that Hayes send his script to the FBI. [redacted] said apparently this was not done. So far as [redacted] knows, the script was not seen by any ex-Agent at the convention.

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[redacted] went on to say that at the convention, no one thought of presenting Hayes with a present. Several weeks ago, a group of former Agents purchased a silver tray and it was then decided to present the gift to Hayes and his wife on the opening night of "Who Is The Girl I Saw You With," in Philadelphia. Ex-Agents also decided to show their appreciation by going to the play and making the presentation at a reception.

[redacted] told Hennrich that at no time did the ex-Agents believe the play was anything but complementary of the FBI. They, therefore, rented a room at the Warwick Hotel, invited Hayes and his wife and producer Hayward. Author Krass was not invited. Probably present also will be Abner Clipstein, the play's publicity man.

[redacted] suggested to [redacted] recently that possibly he should see SAC Hennrich to invite FBI Agents to the play. [redacted] discouraged him in this.

[redacted] he wished to take pictures of those attending the reception.

[redacted] told him he need not since any photograph taken would be taken by a Society member and be for use in the Society's publication "The Grapevine".

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson:

[] told Hennrich, "now we are in a hell of a spot. I think we are being used." [] said his next move is to confer with his associates on what to do. He asked Hennrich what to do. Hennrich told [] he was talking to him as a friend, that he could not advise him, that it was up to him and the ex-Agents. [] said that he and other ex-Agents have invited neighbors and friends to the play as well as the reception. Its a tough proposition as to what to do. He again asked the advice of Hennrich. Hennrich gave him none.

[] told Hennrich he must confer with other ex-Agents as to the future course of action. These ex-Agents are []

[] told Hennrich he would base his discussion with the above-named men on the fact he received a call from former SA Vince Hurley concerning the derogatory nature of the play.

HENNRICH'S OBSERVATION:

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Mr. Hennrich told Wick that he believes that [] has in mind presenting the facts fully to the four men named above. It's then probable, said Hennrich, that the ex-Agents will go to the play as scheduled, using their block of sixty tickets [] is to meet Mary Healy, Peter Lind Hayes and producer Hayward after the performance and escort them to the Warwick Hotel. Hennrich gathered the impression from [] that at that time [] and the ex-Agents will go on record with [] concerning the ex-Agents' opinion of the play. In that way, [] as well as [] will know the ex-Agents' views before any publicity is given out. [] reasons that if the producer knows their feelings, he will be less prone to use them and suggest to the press that ex-Agents might have a good word for the play.

Hennrich asked whether it was the Bureau's desire that he steer the ex-Agents' Society one way or the other since he said he believed he could do it.

Wick told Hennrich that he had, as a friend, pointed out the nature of the play to [] that this is all he should do. As to what action the Society takes, Wick told Hennrich, they had made their bed and now they could lie in it, that it was not up to us to steer them one way or the other, that it was up to them and they could do as they see fit, but that they could well bear in mind that the FBI will be around quite some time longer than "Who Is The Girl I Saw You With."

Hennrich was further told by Wick that he should have a qualified Agent attend and review the play, getting in the results immediately thereafter, Wednesday, February 5, 1958.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease *gms*

DATE: February 21, 1958

FROM :

SUBJECT HONORABLE JAMES P. MC GRANERY
 FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL;
 PROPOSED TELEVISION
 SERIES RE EXPLOITS OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

Tolson *gms*
 Nichols *gms*
 Boardman *gms*
 Belmont *gms*
 Mohr *gms*
 Parsons *gms*
 Rosen *gms*
 Tamm *gms*
 Trotter *gms*
 Nease *gms*
 Tele. Room *gms*
 Holloman *gms*
 Gandy *gms*

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The Director has received a letter dated February 20, 1958, from Mr. McGranery with which he has enclosed correspondence sent to Mr. McGranery by Joseph I. Breen. Mr. McGranery makes no comment concerning the purpose for Mr. Breen's correspondence.

Breen's letter to Mr. McGranery is dated February 9, 1958, and the purpose of it is to request that Mr. McGranery intercede with the Director in behalf of who wants to do a series of television programs with the cooperation of the members of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. Mr. Breen states in his letter that the "roadblock" in the development of the television series is the Director's point of view concerning such a series. He specifically refers to a letter of January 23, 1958, to from Luther A. Huston, Director of Public Information, Justice Department, wherein Mr. Huston stated, "Mr. Hoover has authorized me to say that he not only did not approve but would vigorously oppose any such project. His view is that use of such material by former agents would be contrary to existing law and to the FBI oath which all of them took."

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Breen goes on to say that it is not suggested that the Director endorse, approve or lend any aid to the undertaking but it would be sufficient if the Director would indicate he would have no objection to the proposal. Breen's letter to Mr. McGranery is based upon a letter from requested that the matter be brought to Director's attention again through Breen and Mr. McGranery. claims that the proposal has been well received by a number of members of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, including who even suggested that Bufiles should be checked for each episode of the series to insure credit is given to the former Agents who actually worked on the case. enclosed a copy of a purported telegram from in this regard. states he feels this Society would not favorably consider any proposition which meets with the objection of the Director, and consequently, he desires that the Director merely say that he would interject no objection to the series. Enclosures reflect has written who through his executive counsel wrote that he would consider helping but his own approval would be conditioned upon a lack of objection from the FBI.

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 The Director is, of course, thoroughly familiar with the manner in which has attempted to bring about this television series and the fact that never contacted the Bureau but instead has been proselyting ex-Agents by dangling

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 cc - Mr. Nease
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various sums of money before them. On January 23, 1958, the Director saw Mr. Luther Huston in the Department and told Mr. Huston that the SAC of our Los Angeles Office had been instructed to call upon [] and inform him that not only did the Director disapprove completely of the project, but that the Director considered that if [] went ahead on it, it would be a violation of the present law prohibiting the use of "FBI" and that any ex-Agents participating in it would be violating the oath of office which they had taken when they entered the Bureau as Special Agents. Mr. Huston agreed with the Director's position and stated he would write a letter to [] advising [] of the Director's position. This letter of Mr. Huston's, of course, is the one [] has referred to.

Joseph I. Breen is listed in "Who's Who" as being active in motion picture organizations for a number of years and as being Vice President of the Motion Picture Association of America and former President of the Motion Picture Society for the Americas. His present communication indicates he has been inactive since October, 1954, however, because of a lung condition.

It is interesting to note that while an Administrator of the Motion Picture Industries, Mr. Breen had the responsibility of approving or disapproving of films which were not in good taste and which dealt with such things as gangsterism. Bufiles contain no information of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. Breen and also do not reflect any close personal relationship with the Director as suggested by Mr. McGranery.

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On February 11, 1958, D. Vincent Hurley, President, Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, advised [] that the Society's Executive Committee unanimously agreed it should go on record on behalf of the Society as being opposed to sponsoring, sanctioning or approving any commercial venture and that the Committee opposed Society participation or participation by its members in any manner in the television series. The Committee also protested the use of the word "Grapevine."

Mr. McGranery, of course, talked to the Director on the telephone about this matter on February 14, 1958, and the Director told Mr. McGranery he would look over [] correspondence but that he would probably re-emphasize his answer of "No." It is felt we should write Mr. McGranery and thank him for sending the material to the Director adding that [] additional thoughts on the subject have not changed the Director's stand on this matter one bit.

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Copies of Mr. Breen's letter, [] letter, correspondence sent to Breen by [] and the prospectus of "Grapevine" by [] have been made for Bufiles and the originals are being returned to Mr. McGranery.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to Mr. McGranery be approved.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE 2/14/58

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT

[REDACTED] b6
 PROPOSED TV PROGRAM
 SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

Tolson ✓
 Boardman ✓
 Nichols ✓
 Belmont ✓
 Nease ✓
 Parsons ✓
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 Tamm ✓
 Trotter ✓
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 Holloman ✓
 Gandy ✓

[REDACTED] former Special Agent [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] sent me a letter which he, [REDACTED] received from President Vincent Hurley of the Society concerning [REDACTED] TV program. Hurley made it very clear that he was opposed to [REDACTED] however, I have made it a point to tell [REDACTED] that I thought the Society should have taken a more forth-right stand on [REDACTED] proposal right in the beginning. It would seem to me had the Society done that [REDACTED] would not have spent all his time running around the country trying to line up support for the program. A photostatic copy of Hurley's letter is attached.

The foregoing is submitted for record purposes.

V. O'Donoghue

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 Enclosure

Do we know exactly what the Ex-Committee of the Ex-Agts Society did on Feb 7?

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Society of Former Special Agents

of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

SUITE 1600

• 274 MADISON AVENUE •

NEW YORK 16, N Y •

MU 3-5631

January 24, 1958

[REDACTED]

Re: Proposed TV Program to be Sponsored by the Society
of Former Special Agents of the F.B.I., Inc.

Dear [REDACTED]

I very much appreciate your letter of January 21, 1958 concerning the project being urged on the Society by [REDACTED] has apparently been working diligently first on the west coast and then in this area, in an endeavor to enlist support of Society members, especially those on the Executive Committee to assist him in this undertaking. I spoke to him several weeks ago, as he indicated.

My objections to becoming involved took several forms and I advised [REDACTED] of those objections at the time. I informed him, aside from his qualifications, ability and the possibility of his securing the necessary sponsorship for such a program, I thought he was talking to the wrong people. I told him he should be talking to the Bureau. I pointed out that the Bureau was the only repository of authoritative details on the more spectacular cases that he seemed to be interested in. It was obvious, I told him, that he would only have the recollections of the agents working on these cases working with us. I suggested that if he should get the Bureau support for such a program that would be his basic premise, but that by the same token if the Bureau sponsored such a program they would not need the Society. I indicated to him that if the Society were to take on this project on its own I could not conceive of the Bureau approving it and that our maintenance of the good relations we presently enjoy with the Bureau were so important in my mind that this alone would constitute an objection, without anything else, to make me vote against it. b6

[REDACTED] has contacted several members of the Executive Committee as I stated above and there are one or two that have shown some enthusiasm for his proposal. It is obvious therefore that this matter will come before the Executive Committee when we meet on Feb. 7th. Several others of the Committee have indicated opposition. You may be sure that I will read your letter when the matter comes up. You can see from what I have already said I am 100% in accord with your thinking.

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January 24, 1958

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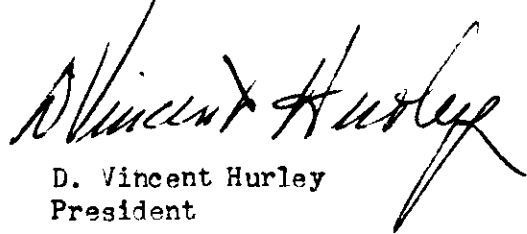
[redacted] One unfortunate aspect of this matter seems to be that when [redacted] discussed this idea first with the Society members on the west coast, several, although they were not in favor of it, did not tell him so. You may or may not know that a couple of west coast members wrote the Bureau telling the Director briefly what [redacted] had in mind and at the same time indicating that they were opposed to the idea.

It is my understanding that the Bureau would not look kindly on our becoming involved in this program.

I am going to attend the Washington Chapter meeting next week and I hope to see you there. We can perhaps have an opportunity to discuss this matter further.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,


D. Vincent Hurley
President

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

P. O. Box 2344
Boston, Massachusetts
February 10, 1958

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. Clayton ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

SOCIETY OF FORMER AGENTS

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to my letter of January 30, 1958, re-
porting my talk with former Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] regarding [redacted] television
series using former Agents to recount their experiences
in Bureau cases. NEW YORK COMM

I saw [redacted] today. He told me this matter was taken
up at the meeting of the Executive Committee of Former
Special Agents held at New York City on February 7, 1958.
He stated the Committee agreed unanimously to go on record
as opposing the offer of [redacted] or any similar propositions.

He said that the Committee voted to send you a copy of
this Resolution for your information.

[redacted] commented that from what he could learn, appar-
ently [redacted] is a "real Hollywood type individual."
[redacted] expressed his gratitude for being confidentially advised
concerning this matter since it enabled him to insure that
the matter was discussed and appropriately disposed of
at the meeting of the Executive Committee. 67-029-332

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He assured me that of course no reference was made to his
source of information concerning [redacted] proposition.

I will report promptly any additional information which I
may receive on this subject.

Sincerely,

L. L. Laughlin
Special Agent in Charge

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated January 21, 1958, with enclosure, concerning [Redacted] and his attempts to get former Special Agents to collaborate with him on a TV series dealing with FBI cases has been received.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in this matter. I would very much appreciate hearing of any further information regarding this proposed series which might come to your attention.

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Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

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cc - Mr. Mohr

NOTE: [Redacted] former SA, EOD [Redacted] and voluntarily resigned

[Redacted] and Bureau relations with him since his departure have been favorable. Previous information concerning this proposed TV series of [Redacted] has been made available to the Bureau from other sources, and by separate communication SAC, Los Angeles has been instructed to contact [Redacted] and advise him of the Bureau's stand in this matter and to provide him with the provisions of Public Law 670 which protects the name and initials of the FBI.

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Handwritten signatures and initials: "V", "Jm", "acm"

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

January 21, 1958

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

[Redacted]

Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

[Redacted]

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover

I thought you would like to have a copy of the enclosed letter, which is self explanatory, and which has been sent to the Society of Former Special Agents of the F. B. I., for consideration.

With all good wishes for the New Year

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Respectfully,

[Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

January 21, 1958

Mr. D. Vincent Hurley
President
Society of Former Special Agents
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc
74 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Re Proposed TV Program to be Sponsored by the Society
of Former Special Agents of the F B I., Inc

Dear Vince

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I have been contacted by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised me that he had discussed with you and other members of the Executive Committee, as well as various other members of the Society, a proposed thirty minute TV series which would feature the exploits of former agents during the time they served in the Bureau.

I understand from [REDACTED] that this matter has been placed on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of February 10th, at which time his proposal will be acted upon. I have grave misgivings concerning such a project and would, therefore, deeply appreciate it if you will read this letter at your meeting to those who will consider the proposal.

First: Who is [REDACTED] Who is behind him and what are his qualifications for such an undertaking? I talked with him on two separate days and still do not have a satisfactory answer to these questions.

Second: I do not believe that [REDACTED] at the present time, has any commitment for the production for such a series and, like so many other promoters, if he can obtain endorsement of his project from the Society, then he will use such approval for the purpose of promoting himself and the raising of finances for the production of these programs.

Mr. D. Vincent Hurley

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Third: There is no assurance as to [] ability to produce the TV series or, once in production there is no guarantee of quality or continuity.

Fourth: This is one of the rankest attempts I have ever seen to commercialize the Society. [] proposal to make a certain percentage of the royalties available to the Society's welfare foundation is without any guarantee or assurance that there will ever be any monies paid. This is particularly true if the project should be a financial failure or worse still, if the public should reject the series because of mediocrity.

Fifth: There must be some basic reason, unknown to us, as to why the Bureau has never undertaken a TV series. I believe it is reasonable to presume that others, far more responsible, than [] have previously sought Bureau approval of such a project.

Sixth: Supervising the production quality of such a TV series would be impossible within the Society's present organization

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Seventh: Endorsement of any commercial project would be the first step toward the Society lending its name, for a price, to other projects of doubtful validity. It is not without the realm of possibility that if this should prove to be a financial success, the Society would then undertake to lend its name as sponsoring or endorsing particular brands of soap, liquor, automobiles, books, etc.

Eighth: I believe that once the door is open we will be flooded with requests for sponsorship from others who can foresee the commercial value to magic letters FBI and it would be wholly impossible for the Society to adequately supervise the projects once they are started.

One thing which all members of the society must not overlook is that as a condition precedent to our appointment as a Special Agent of the Bureau, we agreed that we would not divulge, either while in the service or after leaving the service, any information obtained or coming to our attention by reason of our official capacity. I do not believe there was any agent appointed who did not enter into such an agreement with the Bureau and if the project, as proposed by [] is endorsed by the Society, then each member of the Society will place himself in the position of violating this covenant.

Mr. D. Vincent Hurley

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January 21, 1958

There are many more objections which can be raised to such a production as proposed by [redacted] and it is for the reasons cited above that I urgently recommend that [redacted] proposal be rejected.

With best wishes for a successful year, I am

Sincerely,

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[redacted]

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4:53 PM

February 14, 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. NEASE

Society of Former F.B.I. Agents

Judge James P. McGranery, formerly an Attorney General, called to advise that he had received some very interesting correspondence in the mail yesterday morning and he wanted me to look it over. He stated that a friend of his, Joe Breen (phonetic) formerly with Will Hays of the League of Decency, had been requested by a [redacted] to ask him, McGranery, to speak to me concerning a proposition, in view of McGranery's friendship with Breen. This proposition was already familiar to me and involved [redacted] desire to put on some television productions relating the experiences of Ex-Agents of the Bureau, and evidently [redacted] claimed that he had the approval of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, and he wanted McGranery to present the matter to me in such a way that I would offer no objection. Judge McGranery stated that [redacted] also wanted him, McGranery, to become an actor and be the narrator for these programs and go to Hollywood for a screen test. The Judge seemed to think this should be done in view of the interest of the [redacted] stating that the Ex-Agents Association had gotten a telegram from [redacted] and they were holding up a reply pending the outcome of his, McGranery's, contact with me.

I told Judge McGranery that I knew the executive committee of the Ex-Agents Association had gone on record as being opposed to this and that several of the former Agents had told [redacted] that such a program would be a violation of their oath of office in disclosing information concerning the duties which they performed while employed by the Bureau, and they also knew that I was opposed to it. Judge McGranery was advised that [redacted] was thoroughly unscrupulous and had never approached me, personally, about this matter; that the first I knew of it was last November when we got word of it in California. I stated that [redacted]

that he did go to New York and Washington and saw several of our former Agents, many of whom informed him of the law which had been passed about two years ago which prohibits the use of the name of the FBI in any way without the specific approval of the FBI. I indicated that [redacted] had replied that he had already had his lawyers look into this and it did not apply in this case.

I further stated that the Ex-Agents Association was vigorously opposed to this, and [redacted] went to see Luther Huston of the Department of

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MEMORANDUM FOR MESSRS. TOLSON, NEASE

February 14, 1968

Justice and Huston came to see me and told the story that [] did not want my specific approval but would at least like to have a yellow light. It seems that [] had told Huston that he wanted to put on the TV productions only to help the Bureau, and I stated if this had been so why had [] never been to see me about this matter. I stated that [] had told SAC Brown of our Los Angeles Office that he, [] understood what I thought of his plan but he was still going ahead with it, whereupon McGranery asked if he could quote me on this. I told him I would get the letter which contained this statement. I also told Judge McGranery that Mr. Huston had sent me a copy of the letter which he had sent to [] saying I was opposed to this plan. I commented that [] had neglected to mention to Huston that he had already had his lawyers look up the law involved.

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After some more discussion of this matter, Judge McGranery stated he just wanted to know what this situation was and that when he did give his 'resounding no' it had my approval. He indicated he had no doubt what my answer would be. I then mentioned to him that if [] insisted on going ahead with it all I would have to do would be to indicate to the sponsor my disapproval and it would be stopped.

With reference to the correspondence which the Judge had mentioned, I told him I would be glad to look this over and after having perused it I would give him a ring and would probably reemphasize my "no." Since Judge McGranery was not at home at the time of his call he stated he would call my office Monday so this material could be picked up.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Society of Former Special Agents

of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

SUITE 1600 • 274 MADISON AVENUE • NEW YORK 16, N Y • MU 3-5631

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

February 13, 1958

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is our understanding that several members of our Society called your attention to a proposal made by one [redacted] of Hollywood, California to have the Society join in a T.V. series based on famous Bureau cases. We felt you might be interested in learning how this matter was handled. The attached copy of a letter from me to [redacted] is self explanatory.

Kindest personal regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

D. Vincent Hurley
D. Vincent Hurley
President

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Society of Former Special Agents

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SUITE 1600

• 274 MADISON AVENUE

• NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

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February 11, 1958

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Dear [REDACTED]

The Society's Executive Committee meeting was held on February 7, 1958 as scheduled. Your wire, asking that consideration of the project proposed by you be deferred was read. However the matter was in fact considered and a decision made. This came about because several of the committee members brought it up during a discussion of other matters which were, in a general way, related. As a matter of fact, I also felt that consideration of your proposal was in order and should not be deferred.

The committee unanimously agreed that it should go on record, on behalf of the Society, as being opposed to sponsoring, sanctioning, or approving any commercial venture. I was instructed to write you and inform you specifically that the committee opposed Society participation or participation by its members in any manner in the TV series suggested by you.

Concern was also expressed and I was also instructed to inform you that the Committee protests the use of the word "Grapevine" as the title of your prospectus submitted by you. This is the copyrighted name of our Society magazine. In addition we ask that you make it clear in this prospectus that the project does not have the approval or sanction of this Society or its members.

Sincerely yours,

D. Vincent Hurley
D. Vincent Hurley
President

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease *NY*

DATE: February 17, 1958

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

PROPOSED TELEVISION PROGRAM

The Director asked exactly what the Executive Conference of the Society of Former Special Agents decided in connection with the above proposed television program.

Attached is a letter dated February 10, 1958, from SAC Laughlin setting forth conversation with former SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told Laughlin that the matter was taken up at the February 7 meeting of the Executive Committee and that the Committee agreed unanimously to go on record as opposing the offer of [REDACTED] or any similar proposition. *we should try to confirm just what action was taken*

[REDACTED] said that the Committee also voted to send the Director a copy of the resolution. It apparently has not yet been received. *4*

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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February 18, 1958

Mr. D. Vincent Hurley
President, Society of Former Special Agents
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Suite 1600, 274 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Hurley:

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I want to thank you for your letter of
February 13th and for your courtesy in sending me
a copy of the letter which you dispatched to [redacted]
[redacted] on February 11th concerning the action of the
Executive Committee with respect to [redacted]
proposal to have the Society of Former Special Agents
join in a television series.

It was very kind of you to send this to me
and I appreciate the action of the committee.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

February 20, 1958.

The Honorable John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

The enclosures will recall to mind
our good friend Joe ~~Breen~~ and his long-time
admiration of you. *PHOENIX PRIDE*

Joe is not himself familiar with the
Ex-Agents' Association.

With continued expressions of
friendship,

Cordially,

James P. McGranery
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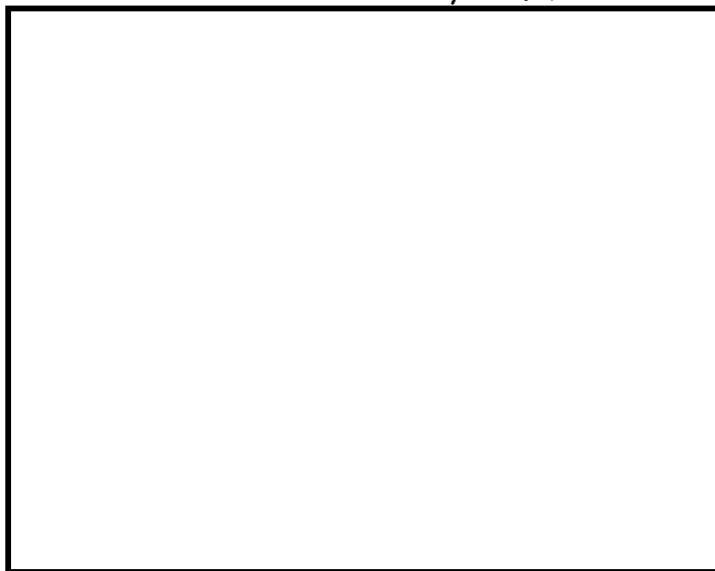
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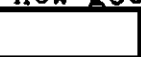
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Jim:

As you may - or may not - know,
I have been completely ~~xx~~
inactive since October, 1954.



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How goes it with you and
 and the children? Well -
I hope.

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JOSEPH I. BREEN
11 N. SIX TOWERS
20 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

February 9, 1958.

Hon. James P. McGranery,
4310 - 42nd. Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Jim:

Please be kind enough to take the time to read the several documents attached. These, as you will note, have to do with a proposal to produce a series of half-hour (possibly, 1-hour) TV programs, with the cooperation of the members of the Society of Former Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] the gentleman who has this proposal in hand, has been a very dear friend and associate of mine, in Hollywood, for almost 20 years. He is a man of great integrity and is thoroughly trustworthy.

As you will quickly learn from a perusal of these documents, the roadblock in the development of the proposal is the present point of view of the distinguished Director of the F. B. I., as quoted in the letter of [redacted] of the Department of Justice, to [redacted]. My purpose in presuming to address you in the matter is to ask if you would be disposed, as the attorney for [redacted] to endeavor to have Mr. Hoover reexamine his thinking in the matter. It is not suggested that he endorse, or approve, or lend any aid to the undertaking. It would be sufficient were he to indicate that he would have no objection to the proposal.

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I direct your particular attention to paragraph 4 on the first page of [redacted] letter to me, in which he deals specifically with the two points raised by Mr. Hoover and quoted in the [redacted] letter.

I will deeply appreciate your giving some thought to this matter and letting me have a word from you at your convenience.

I hope all goes well with you and your family.

Cordially,


(Joseph I. Breen)

P. S. At his request, the head of the Los Angeles Office of the F. B. I. has discussed this undertaking with [redacted]

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February 6, 1958

Dear Joe:

Right after I talked with you on the phone this afternoon, I wired Mr. D. Vincent Hurley, President of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc., as follows:

"PENDING OUTCOME OF MY EFFORTS TO HAVE MR. HOOVER RECONSIDER PRESENT OPPOSITION TO MY TELEVISION PROJECT AS PROPOSED TO YOU, I RESPECTFULLY RECOMMEND MATTER BE HELD IN ABEYANCE. I WILL REPORT TO YOU FURTHER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. REGARDS."

I think I had told you that the Society's Executive Committee is holding its quarterly meeting in New York on Monday, February 10th, and that my television proposal to them is an item on their agenda. While the Society is completely autonomous and independent, its officers and directors would under no circumstances favorably consider any proposition which meets with objection from the Director of the FBI. With this telegram, I hope to avert automatic rejection by the Society.

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You will note that [redacted] in his letter quoting Mr. Hoover's oppositions, refers to the "use of such material by former agents would be contrary to existing law and to the FBI oath which all of them took." I have read the statute referred to (copy enclosed) and can find absolutely nothing in it which my project would violate either in the letter or the spirit. With reference to the FBI oath, I would under no circumstances ask the former agent, nor would he permit to be disclosed any secret, any method, any procedure which is in any way classified. The final script would be a distillation of the facts as published in newspaper reports, court records and other media, with the additional protection of prior review by the principal character involved, and the Society member liason specifically charged with this responsibility.

Before I went East I visited with a number of regular members of the Society to have the benefit of their views and advice prior to my meetings with their Officers and Executive Committee members in New York. Almost without exception, the proposal met with approbation. Typical is the reaction of Mr. Harold Nathan whose telegram to me is enclosed herewith. For your information, "Pop" Nathan is the revered former Assistant Director of the FBI who served with that organization from 1917 to 1945, until his retirement at age 65. His suggestion that it would be highly advisable to check Bureau files for each episode would certainly have my wholehearted support. I realize, of course, that actual file checking might not be practical or permissible, but script checking by the Society and in set/cases by the Bureau could answer the same purpose.

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Enclosed too, is an exchange of correspondence I had with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Please note [REDACTED] key sentence which reads: "I am quite sure that his own approval would, in turn, be conditioned upon a lack of objection from the FBI."

The basic problem it seems to me, is to convince Mr. Hoover that sooner or later somebody will be producing TV shows with FBI content which will not have the intrinsic merit nor the safeguards and control which my project guarantees to both the FBI and the Society. There are currently being presented, radio and TV shows as well as motion pictures in the theatres and on TV which hardly do justice to the prestige of that splendid organization. They sometime carry disclaimers, but I wonder what practical impression they make upon the listening and viewing public.

I appreciate that it would be improper to ask Mr. Hoover to approve any television series over which he would not have complete control and supervision. What I believe is required is a "no objection" attitude predicated upon my good faith, reputation and professional standing, coupled with the controls and semi-supervision offered explicitly to the Society and implicitly to the FBI. To this can be added another major plus factor: The Columbia Broadcasting System has authorized me to categorically state that they will put their full resources and facilities behind this venture, given assurances by the Society that it is willing to co-operate. I am quoting Mr. Hubbell Robinson, Executive Vice President of CBS network programming.

I hope I have given you enough information to believe, with me, that a good enough case can be presented to Mr. Hoover to cause him to view this whole matter in a different light. If you do think so -- I would greatly appreciate your transmitting the information to your friend, Mr. McGranery for his consideration and possible advocacy. It would be wonderful if he were sufficiently sold on this idea to want to appear as a Host-Narrator in the filmed TV series. Certainly, I can't conceive of a better piece of casting than that of a former distinguished Attorney General of the United States, *in this role.*

If this letter is rambling and somewhat incoherent, it's because of the lateness of the hour and the pressure to get it away and in your hands as soon as possible. If I get any additional ideas, or remember something I forgot, I'll be phoning you.

I don't have to tell you how genuinely grateful I am to you for your interest and your good wishes.

My best love to you and

Cordially yours.

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Mr. Joseph Breen
Phoenix, Arizona

Department of Justice

Washington

January 23, 1958



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Dear



As I promised when you came in to see me last week, I have discussed with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, your project for a television film series based on the experiences of former FBI agents.

Mr. Hoover has authorized me to say that he not only did not approve but would vigorously oppose any such project. His view is that use of such material by former agents would be contrary to existing law and to the FBI oath which all of them took.

Sincerely,



Luther A. Huston
Director of Public Information



Dear 

Thank you for sending me the format of your proposed program.

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 will consider with close attention the possibility of furnishing you some material for use on the program. To that end, our office will be delighted to talk further with one of your writers on condition that  would have an opportunity to approve in its final form any manuscript involving his own experience as an FBI agent. I am quite sure that his own approval would, in turn, be conditioned upon a lack of objection from the FBI.

Call on me freely for any further help we can provide.

Sincerely,



[REDACTED]

Dec. 31, 1957

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

On the eve of my departure for the East to meet with the Officers and Executive Committee of The Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., I send you herewith a capsulized prospectus which encompasses the gist of our recent telephone conversation. I do hope that [REDACTED] and you will look with favor upon this venture.

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A word of comment giving your reaction would be very much appreciated. A letter will reach me [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Many thanks for your courtesy and consideration.

Cordially yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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W. P. MARSHALL, President

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THIS MIGHT POSSIBLY CAUSE RECRIMINATIONS AND POSSIBLE UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY MY VERY BEST WISHES

HAROLD NATHAN=.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE 4/22/58

FROM CLYDE TOLSON

SUBJECT

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Mr. L. B. Nichols asked me this morning whether the Bureau's attitude toward the Society of Former Special Agents has changed. I told him it had not. He stated that [] had spoken to him and that he understood from [] that we had encouraged him to join the society. I told Mr. Nichols this was not correct; that [] and [] had contacted us on several occasions; that we clearly expressed our views concerning the society and some of its personnel; that finally Messrs. [] indicated that they were going to join the society in the hope that they could improve its membership and ideals, and that they were told this was entirely up to them.

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Mr. Nichols stated he was not going to join the society.

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Mr. Clegg	
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Mr. Ladd	
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Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Society Of Former Special Agents

63 in FBI With Smith Endorse Him

Sixty-three former special agents of the F.B.I. have signed a statement endorsing H. Allen Smith of Glendale for election to Congress from the 20th Congressional District. It was disclosed today the announcement was made by A. Ross Miller, past president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

tion, the endorsement stated that "Smith, as a former special agent of the F.B.I., as a member of the California Assembly, and as a practicing attorney, exemplifies those virtues of fidelity and integrity which will make him an excellent choice for the exacting duties of United States congressman from this district."

LOS ANGELES HERALD-EXPRESS

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H. ALLEN SMITH

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CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION
TO CONGRESS FROM
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TO

MR. TOLSON *Nease*
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DATE

April 16, 1958

FROM

G. A. NEASE

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Former SA Charles Noone, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who is the President of the local chapter of the Former Agents Society, called DeLoach April 10, 1958, and indicated his organization has received applications from the captioned individuals relative to membership. Noone desired to know informally the service records of these former Agents.

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson:

The basic facts of the above service records were furnished Noone on a confidential basis April 14, 1958. Mr. Noone has been very cooperative since leaving the Bureau. He was extremely appreciative of the above information.

ACTION:

For record purposes.



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Alumni Roster Of Federal Bureau Of Investigation

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Reads Like Who's Who Of Big Business And Government

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By JERRY BENNETT
Citizen Special Writer

WASHINGTON, March 22—Each year hundred, of successful men eagerly pack their suitcases to attend a national convention of one of the most unusual social clubs in the world. They include ministers, lawyers, high ranking military officers, congressmen and top-flight business executives.

But when they get together, their conversation always turns to one subject—crime.

For each one is a former agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. And before entering their present jobs, they made their living by tracking down dangerous spies and hoodlums.

THE SOCIETY of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation boasts a membership of more than 3500 with chapters in cities and towns throughout the United States. Mexico City also has a chapter. And another is composed of members who live in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The society's membership list reads like a Who's Who in American Government and business.

For instance, two of the leading members are Reps. Paul Kitchen (D N C) and H. Allen Smith (R Cal). Another high ranking government official is Ambassador to Ireland Scott McLeod. And each year dues come into the society's New York headquarters from Tennessee's Gov. Frank Clement.

ROBERT E. LEE, a commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission, S. Wesley Reynolds, security director of the super-secret National Security Agency, and Maj. Gen. Joseph F. Carroll, Air Force Inspector General for Security, also are on the rolls.

Others are Robert King, former assistant to Vice President Nixon and now executive director of the Operating Committee for the upcoming 1960 Winter Olympics, and Stanley L. Kemp, legislative assistant to Michigan Sen. Charles Po

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More Big Names

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A. PAUL KITCHIN
... Congressman ...



SCOTT McLEOD
... ambassador ...



H. ALLEN SMITH
... Congressman ...



FRANK CLEMENT
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cc - Mr. Nease

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SUITE 1600
274 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 16, NEW YORK

April 23, 1958

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Society of Former F.B.I. Agents

Our Society has scheduled its Fifth Annual Convention at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco for the period October 9-11, 1958. We anticipate that from 700 to 800 Society members and their wives will be in attendance.

The climax of our Convention will be a banquet which will be held in the Garden Court of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel on Saturday evening, October 11, 1958.

We would deem it a great honor if you could be present and address our membership as the featured speaker on that evening. The purpose of this letter is to extend to you a formal invitation to be with us.

If other commitments make it impossible for you to be present in person, we would quite naturally appreciate it if you could designate someone from your staff to represent you.

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With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

D. Vincent Hurley
D. Vincent Hurley
President

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TO MR. TOLSON

DATE May 1, 1958

FROM J. P. MOHR

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Former SAC [redacted] called you today and stated that there was to be a meeting of the Nominating Committee on this Friday, May 2, 1958, in New York. He further related that former Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] was being considered as one candidate for President and [redacted]

(5) [redacted] was also being considered for the office of President. [redacted] wanted to know something concerning the records of these two men in connection with the Nominating Committee in New York.

After discussing this matter with you, I called former SAC [redacted] this afternoon and told him I was returning the call for you and he stated that he was not very well acquainted with [redacted] but did know him by reputation. He said the thinking was to consider [redacted] in case [redacted] name might be proposed at the meeting. [redacted] said he had no information that [redacted] was running or being considered for office but he did feel that [redacted] probably would have no trouble beating [redacted] was nominated. [redacted] said that [redacted] was better known in Washington; that [redacted] of the Washington Chapter for the year 1956. [redacted] was advised that [redacted] had a very good record in the Bureau; that we understood he was very much interested in the work of the Society and appeared to be a good selection for the office of President.

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With respect to [redacted] I told [redacted] was considered in Washington to move with the [redacted] crowd" but we had no information indicating that [redacted] could dominate or control [redacted] Of the two, [redacted] seemed to definitely get the impression that [redacted] was the better.

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In September, 1955, Baker was elected President of the Chicago Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents. He has been reported to be definitely [redacted] [redacted] and to be interested in fostering the best possible relationship between the Society and the FBI.

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I told him if I could be of any service he should immediately call me. He said he would let me know of the results of the Nominating Committee.

The foregoing is submitted for your information at this time.

✓ *W. B. Baker*

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April 28, 1958

Mr. D. Vincent Hurley
President
Society of Former Special Agents of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.
Suite 1600
274 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Hurley:

Your letter of April 23, 1958, has been received, and I sincerely appreciate the cordial invitation to address your Fifth Annual Convention in San Francisco on October 11, 1958.

While it would be a pleasure to be with you on this occasion, the extreme uncertainty of my schedule is such that it is not possible for me to make long-range commitments with any assurance that I can fulfill them. Likewise, the heavy pressure of work confronting this Bureau precludes my designating an assistant to appear in my behalf. I know you can understand my position in this regard, and you have my good wishes for a successful convention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Hurley EOD [redacted] resigned [redacted]

[redacted] There has been limited correspondence with him in his position as President of the group. The Director has been invited to attend these annual conventions in the past, and it has been necessary for him to decline on each occasion.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. MOHR

DATE 5/6/58

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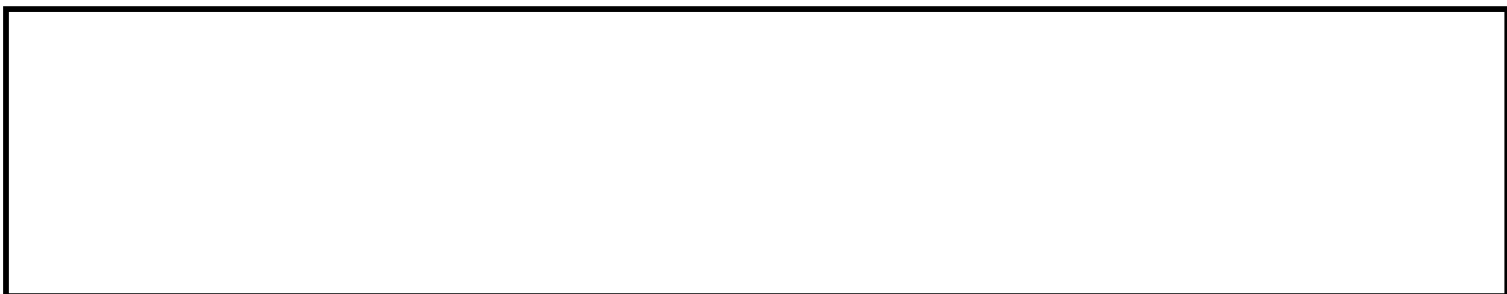
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On 5/6/58  called Mr. Tolson's office and furnished the names of the individuals nominated to be officers of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. Each of the nominees and a brief resume' of their Bureau service record is set forth below:



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Ties Bind Ex-FBI Men

By ELLEN MOFFAT
Cassioia Staff Writer

DRAWN together by common memories of a job they once shared are 22 Dayton men. They comprise the Dayton chapter of what has been termed "the most exclusive club in the world."

All are former FBI men. Their official name is the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. But they have no official connection with the FBI.

They meet for fun every month in a different location. They attend national and regional group meetings. And they still bring to their club the team spirit that marks a Hoover-trained man. The high morale spilled over and found expression in a national organization. It fanned into hundreds of local chapters.

Dayton's group was organized in November, 1952. Members come from a score of occupations. A bank president, a radio and TV station business manager, a professor, an adjutant general, personnel men and lawyers meet for lunch or dinner.

Although the club offers collateral benefits . . . a foundation for education of members' children, term insurance, a placement bureau, . . . something stronger pulls them together.

ALL ARE convinced they have had one of the privileges of the century.

Said Wade Alley, business manager of WHIO, an FBI alumnus with 16 years behind him, "I think it's the finest experience a young man can have." Alley is one of 40 former FBI men in America who is in the broadcasting field. One is FCC commissioner, Robert E. Lee.

It's about the best education you could have in every kind of business. It offers such variety," explained member Stanley H. Mendelsohn. "Agents are frequently offered jobs in private enterprise and for awhile the bureau's records showed four years was the average length of service."

Why do men leave a glamor job that offers so much?

Mendelsohn, who now manages a seven-store dry cleaning chain, started with the bureau in 1938, as a clerk, obtained a law degree in Washington, and became an agent. He left reluctantly.

"There comes a time when you don't want

to take your children out of school again and move on," he related, pinpointing the reason most men quit. "But you were always sure of meeting wonderful fellows when you bounced from one office to another."

Mendelsohn pointed out. "It's a young man's job. I realize that when I hear on the midnight news of a bank robbery, I think of the officers, routed out on a cold night."

Robert J. Barth, president of Peoples Bank and Trust Co., admitted. "I hardly saw my daughter until she was three. I left to get back to normal living." Barth, a Cincinnati lawyer, joined the FBI a year and a day after Pearl Harbor. He cited the fantastically high morale of the corps as the cement that drew former agents together in a social setting. And he credits J. Edgar Hoover for the indoctrination program that built "utter loyalty and devotion."

"I felt lost the day I turned in my credentials in 1945. And I still automatically reach for them sometimes."

THE NATIONAL roster reads like a kind of Who's Who. It numbers among its members judges, governors, industrial leaders, congressmen. But there are also teachers, ministers and lawyers.

Richard Saxton, midwest representative for ACF Industries of Maryland, who served the FBI from 1942 to 1949, applied for the Dayton chapter's charter. After leaving the bureau he served as an auditor to the University of Pittsburgh, then worked at Wright Field.

He pointed to the caliber of the men as a gravitational pull of the club.

"Only one in a thousand applicants was accepted."

President of the local chapter is Police Lt. Richard C. Grundish, who looks at the work with the FBI as a high privilege and a kind of "graduate course in many fields."

Most of the members are in their 40s. Occasionally wives are invited to meetings. And they have a boss' night, he explained. Next convention will be in San Francisco in October.

James Hoefling, who served the FBI from 1941 to 1946, attends meetings because of "the pleasant associations." He has missed only one national convention since he joined.

"The type of investigation, the fact-finding training is valuable to any lawyer," he said. Hoefling, as well as company executives, cite the value of the bureau's administrative training.

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Mr. Nease ✓
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Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

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Dayton Daily News
4/27/58

"CAMERICA"
(Sunday Supplement)

Editor James E. Fain

1/20/58

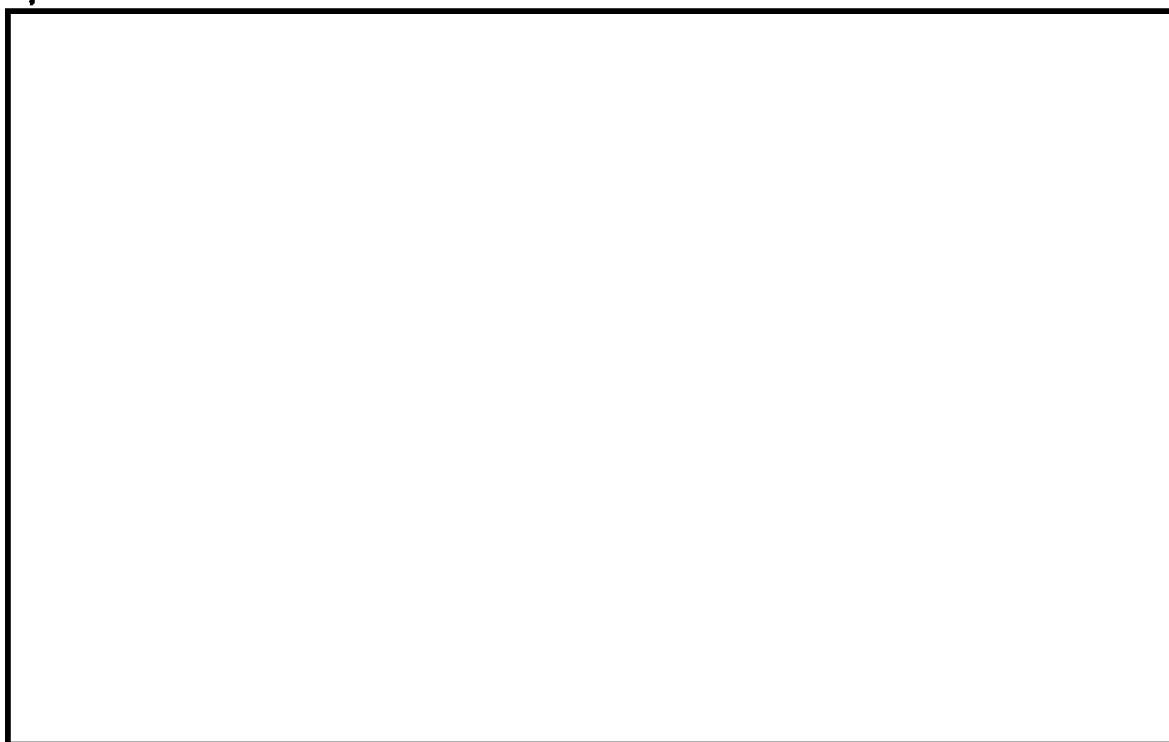
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May 6, 1958

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MR. TOLSON:

[redacted] called you while you were out of the building. He asked that I give you the following nominations for the Ex-Agents Society:



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[redacted] asked that you be advised that he will be in Washington tomorrow [redacted] that he is going to fly in and fly back but that he will try to call you while he is here.

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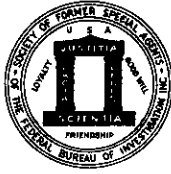
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SUITE 1600
274 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 16, NEW YORK

May 9, 1958

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

SOCIETY OF FORMER FBI AG

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which went forward today to

[Redacted]

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The contents are self explanatory. If and when we receive a reply you will be informed.

Kindest personal regards and best wishes from all.

Sincerely,

D. Vincent Hurley
D. Vincent Hurley
President

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May 9, 1958

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Dear [REDACTED]

Last Sunday evening on the Mike Wallace Show, Cyrus S. Eaton, who was being interviewed, made some derogatory statements concerning the F.B.I. and its Director, J. Edgar Hoover, which were entirely unwarranted. Moreover the members of the Society of Former Special Agents of the F.B.I., 3600 strong, know from personal knowledge that these statements by Mr. Eaton had no basis in fact. Considering the source, however, we were not too surprised by these remarks.

What did surprise us and concern us a great deal, however, was a remark made by a news announcer on the following night during the "World News Round-up" on NBC. After referring to the statement by Mr. Eaton this announcer editorialized and inferred that there might be some truth to the charges made. We strongly resent the manner in which this "news item" was handled on that occasion on such a widely circulated telecast and take this means of registering our protest.

Sincerely,

D. Vincent Hurley
President

cc: J. Edgar Hoover

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease *AN*

DATE May 20, 1958

FROM SUBJECT SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI, INC.
APPEARANCES BY BUREAU PERSONNEL AT FUNCTIONS

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SAC Letter 53-22 (G) dated March 24, 1953, instructed that Bureau personnel should not attend functions of captioned group without prior Bureau approval. SAC Letter 54-13 (E) dated March 9, 1954, stated that since approval would not be given in such cases, such invitations should be declined.

By letter of May 14, 1958, (former Bureau Agent who last resigned on and with whom we have maintained cordial correspondence), now invites the Director to speak at a luncheon on August 28, 1958, marking FBI-Father and Sons Day of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. He also asks that the Director appear before one or more of the Scottish Rite Consistories in Oklahoma. In his letter, indicates that this FBI-Father and Sons Day program is apparently in some way connected with the Tulsa Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., but it is impossible to tell from his letter just what the connection is. He also indicates that for the past 9 years former SAC who retired on at this affair, except for several years when was at Albuquerque. During that time, SAC (now at Atlanta), and former SAC (resigned appeared in place of also indicates that SA (EOD has appeared at all of the programs. It is not definitely indicated that spoke at the meetings. He is not an approved Bureau speaker. A check of speech records indicates that in advising the Bureau of these acceptances, the field never indicated any connection with the Society of Former Agents, and only on one occasion, in 1953, was the Bureau advised of the participation of SA

RECOMMENDATION: That attached letter be sent to declining the invitations for the Director, with a note requesting explanations from SAC

Enclosure

sent 5-22-58

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June 3, 1958

Society of Former F.B.I. Agents

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 27, 1958, with enclosure, has been received, and I certainly appreciate your furnishing me with a copy of the letter directed to the Honorable H. Allen Smith by Mr. D. Vincent Hurley.

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE [Redacted] is a former SA who EOD [Redacted] resigned [Redacted] He saw the Director on the afternoon of May 6, 1958.

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Miss Gandy

May 27, 1958

The Honorable John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

You will recall our conversation concerning the part that the Society of Former Special Agents might play in helping to curtail the glorification of hoodlums via motion pictures and television.

You will find enclosed a copy of a letter from Vince Hurley, President of the Society, to Congressman H. Allen Smith that is self-explanatory. As soon as I have discussed this matter in more detail with [redacted] it is my intention to notify Vince Hurley and you will be kept completely informed.

Kindest personal regards.

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May 23, 1998

Congressman M. Allen Smith
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Allen:

The matter of motion pictures glorifying hoodlums and belittling the F.B.I. and other law enforcement agencies was discussed at our Executive Committee Meeting on May 12th. I reported what had been done on the matter including your activities.

You may or may not know, that shortly after you addressed the Los Angeles Chapter of the Society and dealt with this problem I was in Los Angeles. [redacted] and I discussed the matter and we learned that the S.A.C. of the Los Angeles F.B.I. Office had been discussing this subject with the Los Angeles Office of the Motion Picture Producers Association. (I am not sure that this is the exact title, but I am referring to the group which hands out the motion picture seal of approval with which we are all familiar).

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[redacted] and I discussed the matter with Walt Disney who was most sympathetic to our viewpoint. However, he pointed out a rift had occurred between his organization and the other group in the association several years ago. Therefore, he was unable to do anything about it. He suggested that perhaps the most effective approach would be to contact Religious groups interested in decent motion pictures and organizations like the American Legion, etc.

We tried to see [redacted] but were unable to do so. However, since my visit to Los Angeles, [redacted] has had an opportunity to discuss the matter with him on the phone. [redacted] is a very powerful figure in Hollywood, as you probably know, and it was [redacted] opinion that if he took this matter up with [redacted] would listen to him.

[redacted] pointed out, just as Walt Disney did, these pictures with which we are concerned are for the most part produced by fly-by-night operators, and then they are distributed without the motion picture seal of approval.

Congressman H. Allen Smith

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May 23, 1938

We learned that after my visit to Los Angeles and the discussion [redacted] had with [redacted] there was a considerable change of attitude on the part of the Los Angeles Office of the Motion Picture Association. They indicated a much greater amount of cooperation on this general problem. This is not to claim that we brought this about, as it might be entirely coincidental. Naturally, Director Hoover has been making public statements on the problem, not to mention your activity.

All this was pointed out to the Executive Committee and it was decided that we would confine our activity at this time, to reprinting the statement of the Director, on the subject, which appeared in the Law Enforcement Bulletin, in the Grapevine as soon as possible.

I am sending a copy of this letter to [redacted] so that he will be brought up to date on the matter.

We appreciate the work you have done on this important problem, and particularly the manner in which you have kept us informed.

Kindest personal regards and best wishes from all.

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Sincerely,

D. Vincent Hurley
President



May 19, 1958

Mr. D. Vincent ~~Hurley~~
President
Society of Former Special Agents of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.
Suite 1600
274 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Hurley:

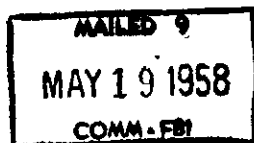
Thank you for your very kind letter of May 9, 1958, with enclosure.

It was most thoughtful of you to write to me concerning the recent attack on the Bureau by Mr. Cyrus S. Eaton on the Mike Wallace television show and the item which was broadcast on the "World News Round-up" on the following Monday. I am grateful for the interest which prompted your society to address to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the comments set forth in the copy of the letter which you enclosed. Your members obviously recognize this reckless outburst of Mr. Eaton's for the scurrilous distortion of facts which it represents.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We have exchanged limited cordial correspondence since his election as president of the above society in November, 1957.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease *NA*

DATE May 21 1958

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SUBJECT "THE GRAPEVINE"
APRIL, 1958

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Security Form FBI April

Per your instructions, the April, 1958, issue of "The Grapevine" has been reviewed. The only items of pertinent interest appearing in this issue are as follows:

Page 4 contains a short item to the effect that Guy Banister has opened his own investigative office. The firm name is Guy Banister Associates, Inc., 7059 Argonne Street, New Orleans 24, Louisiana. The organization specializes in investigations, consultations and analysis.

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Page 8 reflects that former Agent Albert T. Deere who is head of security for Dow Chemical Company has just been elected President of the American Society for Industrial Security.

Page 8 also reflects that Raymond W. Hensley is now superintendent of the Department of Police of St. Louis County, Missouri.

Page 25 contains a short item entitled "Hoover Raps Movies Glorifying Gangsters." The article merely stated that the Director had recently blasted films glorifying gangsters and had also reminded Hollywood that it is illegal to use the FBI name in movies or in advertisements.

The referenced copy of "The Grapevine" is attached. THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE RETURNED TO [REDACTED] RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/26/58

FROM : SAC, Atlanta

SUBJECT: ^{FBI} SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS / OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS).

ReBulet 5/22/58 addressed to [redacted]

Quite frankly the comments contained in [redacted] letter to the Bureau dated May 14, 1958, are the first indication that I ever had that the Father and Sons Day program sponsored by the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce was in any way connected with the Tulsa Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents. During my tenure in Oklahoma I was fully aware of the fact that [redacted] was a former Special Agent, and was fully aware that he was a member of the Tulsa Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents, and that the Tulsa chapter was, although not large, an active one, but I was never advised by [redacted] or anyone else that this society was in any way responsible for the annual FBI Father and Sons Day program.

[redacted] during my tenure and apparently prior thereto, always acted [redacted] of the day annually set aside by the Public Affairs Forum of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, at which a program was introduced by the FBI at a Father and Sons Day banquet. I was under the impression then, and still am, that this program was actually sponsored by the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. I appeared as guest speaker at the two successive banquets held while I was Agent in Charge in Oklahoma City. The invitation was extended to me by [redacted] but at no time did he represent it to me in any way as being a program sponsored in whole or in part by the Society of Former Special Agents. Had he done so I would have tactfully avoided making this appearance. In appearing before this group I was following the precedent established by my predecessors, SAC's [redacted] and had no reason for not doing so.

[redacted] statement in his letter concerning the high regard for the Director and the Bureau as an organization in the city of Tulsa was certainly true during the time I was stationed in Oklahoma, and these annual banquets which were sponsored, in my opinion,

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by the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, had considerable public relations value to the Bureau, and as [redacted] points out, were attended by the U. S. District Judges in Tulsa, the U. S. Attorney, and various high ranking court officials of the state and the Attorney General of the state. The only former Special Agents I can even recall being in attendance at these meetings were [redacted]

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May 21, 1958

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My dear [Redacted]

Thank you very much for your letter dated May 14, 1958.

It certainly was kind of you to invite me to be the guest speaker next August 28 at the FBI-Father and Sons Day Program of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. I also appreciate your interest in having me appear on some future date before one or more of the Scottish Rite Consistories in Oklahoma.

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Certainly, it would give me great pleasure to accept either of these engagements. Unfortunately, the pressure of official business is exceedingly heavy, with the result that my schedule for the coming months is most uncertain. Accordingly, I do not see now I can plan to be with you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

FOR ALTBURG

- 1 - [Redacted] Room 4533 - Enclosure
- 1 - Oklahoma City - Enclosure
- 1 - Atlanta - Enclosure

ATTENTION SAC's: From [Redacted] letter, it appears that this Father and Sons Day program, in addition to being a function of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, has some connection with the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc. In accordance with SAC Letters 53-22 (G) dated March 24, 1953, and 54-13 (E) dated March 9, 1954, Bureau personnel are not

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(Attention SAC's continued)

to attend functions of the Society. Accordingly, SAC, Oklahoma City should furnish an explanation as to just what connection the Society has with this function, as well as SA [REDACTED] explanation as to why the Bureau apparently was not advised of this connection and why the Bureau was not advised of a number of his appearances at the affair. SAC, Atlanta, who appeared at this function 8/5/54 and 8/25/55 should likewise furnish an explanation as to why the Bureau was not advised of the connection of the Society. Sulets under caption "Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., Research (Crime Records)," to reach the Bureau by 5/29/58. b6

NOTE. See [REDACTED] to Mr. Nease memo dated 5/20/58 captioned "Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. Past Appearances by Bureau Personnel at Functions." MLL:ra

Follow-up made for 5/28/58

14 May, 1958

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Hon. John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

X Society Former F.B.I. Agents

This quite unusual letter is addressed to you by me
in a trio of capacities:

The month of August marks the tenth anniversary of the
granting of a Charter to the Tulsa Chapter of Former Agents,
and on August 28, 1958, the Chamber's program will celebrate
the tenth annual "FBI-Father & Sons" Day.

The FBI-Father & Sons Day program was originally
by former Agent [redacted]
two annual meetings, and I, in turn, [redacted]
seven (7) luncheons. Former SAC [redacted]
[redacted] all of the meetings, except during the two years he was
assigned to Albuquerque, and his able successors, SAC's [redacted]
[redacted] with the same fine
cooperative spirit as had been evidenced by [redacted] in prev-
ious years. SA [redacted] has appeared at all of the
programs to date in his usual inimitable manner.

Throughout the years the theme of all of the programs
has been "It Is Patriotic To Be Law-Abiding" and the program

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has become one of the Chamber's most outstanding ones, going from an attendance at the first meeting of 125 persons, to an estimated 325 at the August 1957 meeting.

Frankly I doubt if there is any State or City in the nation in which you, as Director, and the Bureau itself, are as highly regarded as in the State of Oklahoma and the City of Tulsa, and it has occurred to me (trusting that you will not consider it presumptuous on my part) that it might be possible for you to appear as our guest speaker at the August 28th., noon luncheon.

As in the past, we plan to have as head table guests, United States District Judges, Attorneys, Marshalls and Court Clerks; the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State; the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Court of Appeals; the Attorney General of the State; the Judges of the District, Common Pleas, County, Juvenile and Municipal Courts; the Chief of the Bureau of Investigation; Commissioner of the Public Safety Department; the County Attorney and Sheriff; the City Attorney and City Prosecutor; the President (former agent, Glenn H. Brown, now Sheriff of Tulsa County) and Secretary of the Oklahoma Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association; the Mayor of the City; the Presidents of the Senior and Junior Bar Associations; the Tulsa County Public Defenders and Parole Officer, and many other distinguished guests.

However, we of the Committee feel that the most important guests of the day are boys sponsored by the Red Shield of the Salvation Army, the YMCA and the Tulsa Boy's Home (a corrective institution).

R || I have not as yet been able to contact the new Special Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City, but our mutual friends, former SAC [redacted] and SA [redacted] have assured me on several occasions that they would urge that he continue the Bureau's participation in this program.

Although I have not discussed this confidential matter with [redacted] I am certain that the Peace Officers Association would be in full support of such a program and might desire to have such a program.

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Finally, as to the Masonic angle, Oklahoma presently has three Scottish Rite Consistories, one at Guthrie, where the membership is the second largest in the southern jurisdiction and

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of which I am proud to be [redacted] the second one is located at McAlester, of which [redacted] is a member, and the third is the newly created Tulsa Consistory, now operating under temporary letters patent, which will hold its first class here on May 29, 30 and 31st.

It has also occurred to me that if you could come to Oklahoma, you might desire to appear before one or more of the Consistories, or perhaps at a joint meeting of the three. In any event, I am satisfied that your appearance would be for the best interests of both the Bureau and the Scottish Rite.

Finally, the informal motto of our Committee in regard to our program is "If It Helps Only One Young Man In The Future It Is Well Worth The Effort."

Your reply to this letter at your early convenience will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

[redacted]

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P.S. In fairness to you, I feel compelled to advise that although our annual program is entirely non-partisan, this does happen to be an election year in Oklahoma, and several former Agents are aspiring to public office, namely, former Agent. [redacted]

[redacted] Locally, former Agent. [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE MAY 29, 1958

FROM SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (66-1539)

SUBJECT SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.
RESEARCH
(CRIME RECORDS)

ReBulet May 21, 1958, to [redacted]
[redacted] copies of which were
designated for the Oklahoma City Office.

The Bureau is advised that the files of the Oklahoma City Office do not disclose any connection of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., with the Annual Father and Sons Day Luncheon of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. The files of this office reflect the title of this function as it appears in [redacted] letter is the first time it has been so designated. The title of this function as it has previously appeared in prior years and in newspaper publicity is "Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Forum" or "Chamber of Commerce Fathers and Sons Luncheon. The "FBI-Father and Sons Day" designation has not previously come to my attention, nor did [redacted] confer with me before writing to the Director. It has come to my attention, however, that there are a number of former Agents in the Tulsa area.

SA [redacted] who is assigned to the Oklahoma City Office has advised me that [redacted] is also in error in stating that [redacted] has attended all of these past luncheons held in August of each year. SA [redacted] stated he attended the 1953 luncheon with former SAC [redacted] the 1954 and 1955 luncheons with SAC [redacted] and the 1956 and 1957 luncheons with former SAC [redacted] SA [redacted] advised that he attended these luncheons with the SACs at their request, and that his appearance at each luncheon was the result of a specific invitation being extended to [redacted] by the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce Program Chairman. SA [redacted] further advised that the speech at each luncheon was made by the SAC of the Oklahoma City Office and this talk was the major event of each program. SA [redacted] stated that he himself did not make a public speaking appearance.

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The Bureau is requested to advise whether an acceptance should be indicated by me if an invitation is extended by the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce for this office to furnish a speaker in the future.

CAPTAIN OLIVER KELLY
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

FBI NA NEWSLETTER ITEM

The New Jersey Chapter of the Former Special Agents of the FBI have instituted an annual award to a member for outstanding accomplishment in the field of law enforcement, judiciary or community service. The first award was made to Captain Oliver Kelly of the Newark Police Department for outstanding achievement and leadership in law enforcement. Oliver, who is in charge of the Office of Planning and Research under the Police Director, was given the award at a testimonial dinner.

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at the testimonial dinner.

SAC, Oklahoma City (66-1539)

June 10, 1958

Director, FBI

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**SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.
 RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)**

Reurlet 5/29/58.

In the event you are invited to speak at the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce Fathers and Sons Day Luncheon on August 28, 1958, or at any future date, you are free to accept after determining discreetly that this definitely is not a function of captioned Society. If it is solely a function of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, the mere presence or participation of members of captioned Society does not necessarily preclude your acceptance, unless their presence or participation in some way is based on their membership in the Society.

1 - Atlanta (Reurlet 5/26/58)

1 - Mr. Mohr

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NOTE: See to Nease memo dated 6/7/58 entitled "Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc." MLL:cag

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE June 7, 1958

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SUBJECT **SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
 OF THE FBI, INC.**

By letter of May 14, 1958

[redacted] invited the Director to speak at a luncheon on August 28, 1958, marking FBI-Father and Sons Day of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. His letter indicated that this affair was in some way connected with captioned Society, and he indicated that for a number of years former SAC [redacted] except for the years when former SAC [redacted] were assigned to Oklahoma City. During those years, [redacted] also indicated that SA [redacted] of the Oklahoma City Office had participated in the annual program.

Upon the receipt of this letter from [redacted] we checked and found that our records showed this to be strictly a function of the Chamber of Commerce with no indication that captioned Society was involved. We do, however, have a prohibition against participation by Bureau personnel in functions of the Society, and because of [redacted] intimation that the Society runs this affair, we asked for explanations from Oklahoma City and SAC [redacted] letter had also indicated that SAC [redacted] of Oklahoma City would be invited again this year.

SAC [redacted] by letter of May 26, 1958, advised that he was not aware that this affair was in any way connected with the captioned Society, and he, accordingly, followed the precedent established by former SACs [redacted] in accepting. SAC Doyle by letter of May 29, 1958, advised that the files of Oklahoma City Office do not show any connection between captioned Society and this Chamber of Commerce function. He also advised that SA [redacted] attended a number of these programs on the specific instructions of the former SACs but did not make a public speaking appearance. It appears that if this is a worthwhile function of the Chamber of Commerce and has not been connected, publicity wise, with the captioned Society on any occasion in the past, the mere presence of a number of former Special Agents should not preclude acceptance of an invitation by the SAC at Oklahoma City. The Chamber of Commerce is a vital civic organization, and if they desire to have our representatives make the main speech at their annual function, it does not appear that we should decline in the absence of good reasons for doing so.

RECOMMENDATION: That attached letter be sent to Oklahoma City, advising that, in the event the SAC receives an invitation to speak at this function in the future, he may accept if he can first determine through discreet inquiries that it is definitely a bona fide function of the Chamber of Commerce and not a function connected in any way with captioned Society.

Enclosure *sent 6-9-58*
 1 - Mr. Mohr (MLL:cag (4))

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Former FBI Agents Plan To Organize

Former special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will organize an Arizona Chapter of the National Society of Former Agents of the FBI here Saturday.

Sponsors have invited members of the national society residing in Arizona, and all other former FBI special agents, to attend the organization luncheon meeting Saturday noon at the Stein and Sirlain restaurant, 4801 N. Central Ave.

Formation of the Arizona chapter has been authorized by the national society.

The former special agents of the FBI who are sponsoring the Arizona chapter are: Rufus Coulter, security and personnel officer of Motorola; Kirby Smith, Tucson, insurance; Loyde Kingman, retired after 27 years of FBI service; Clem Rousseau, president of the Fidelifax Southwest; Dave Metz, investments; Wayne Sanders, regional manager of Veterans Administration; and Paul Ferrine and Dick Hennessey, attorneys.

Some 50 former agents presently are living in Arizona. The society has fraternal, employment, and group insurance features.

PHOENIX GAZETTE
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RE: NATIONAL SOCIETY OF
FORMER AGENTS OF FBI
ARIZONA CHAPTER
(Information)

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June 20, 1958

Mr. D. Vincent Hurley
President
Society of Former Special Agents of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.
Suite 1600
274 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Hurley:

I have received your letter of June 12, 1958,
with enclosure, and certainly appreciate your interest in forwarding
[redacted] letter to you of June 10. I thought you
would like to know that he did write me as he indicated in his
communication to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Mr. Hurley furnished us with a copy of a letter that he as President
of the Society of Former Special Agents had written in protest to a newscast
made by Sander Vanocur. It will be recalled that [redacted] wrote
the Director a letter of apology in connection with Vanocur's comments.

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June 12, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to my letter of May 9th with which I
enclosed a copy of a letter of protest directed to [redacted]

[redacted] It dealt with the [redacted] matter. The enclosed reply is
self explanatory and I thought it might be of interest to you.

kindest personal regards and best wishes from all.

Sincerely,

D. Vincent Hurley
D. Vincent Hurley
President

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SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.

August 22, 1958

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Do you know if any article has ever been published on the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation? If not, I would like to write and submit one for publication in one of the national magazines.

I learned about the Society yesterday, and feel that it is definitely story material. While talking with [redacted] former FBI special agent who has opened [redacted] he showed me the roster of the members of the Society of Former Special Agents. I was much impressed by their number, and by the multiplicity of positions they now fill in large corporations and industries, their continued investigative work in insurance companies, etc., and as specialists in their fields such as [redacted]

My idea would be to bring out the many and varied job opportunities open to former FBI special agents, and the fact that they are a close-knit group, permanently instilled with the high principles of the bureau, and form a sort of national reserve of patriotism and competency.

If such an article hasn't been written and published, and I should get the "go" sign on it, would your office be willing to give me some help on a few questions such as: individual cases of former special agents in particularly important and interesting positions; your own feelings as to the unusual fraternal spirit of the Society, and the fact that its existence (the existence of this body of men) is another, but unofficial and largely unrecognized service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

I would be happy to hear your opinion on this idea.

Cordially yours,

[Redacted signature box]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO Mr. Tolson

DATE 7/14/58

FROM G. A. Nease *GA*

SUBJECT

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 APPLICANTS-SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

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b6 Charles Noone, former Special Agent, who is currently president of the Society of Former Special Agents in the local area, called Mr. DeLoach 7/10/58, and inquired as to the background of the captioned individuals while employed by the FBI. He stated that his organization did not desire to honor the applications of these individuals if they had not had satisfactory service with the FBI.

After checking, Mr. Noone was advised of the entry on duty and resignation dates of the former agents plus the fact that no derogatory information is known concerning them while they were employees of the FBI. He was told, of course, we do not follow the activities of these individuals once they leave the service.

ACTION: For record purposes.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO MR. TOLSON

DATE September 24, 1958

FROM G. A. NEASE

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Charles Noone, a member of the Society of Former Special Agents, called DeLoach 9-17-58 and stated the captioned former Special Agents were applicants for membership in the Society. Noone wanted to know on a confidential basis of the employment records of these individuals.

After checking, Noone was confidentially advised that [redacted] had entered the service [redacted] and submitted his resignation [redacted]

Noone was advised that former Agent [redacted] entered on duty [redacted] and his resignation was accepted with prejudice on [redacted] As a matter of background, [redacted]

Noone was told that former Agent [redacted] entered on duty [redacted] and voluntarily submitted his resignation [redacted]

In connection with former Agent [redacted] Noone was advised that [redacted] entered on duty [redacted]

ACTION: For record purposes.

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September 2, 1958

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 22, 1958, has been received during Mr. Hoover's absence from the city, and I am acknowledging it for him.

The Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has no official connection with this Bureau, so we cannot tell you whether or not an article concerning this group ever has been published, nor will we be able to give you any assistance in the preparation of a story regarding the Society.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with [Redacted] mentioned in [Redacted] letter is a former Agent who EOD [Redacted] retired [Redacted]

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